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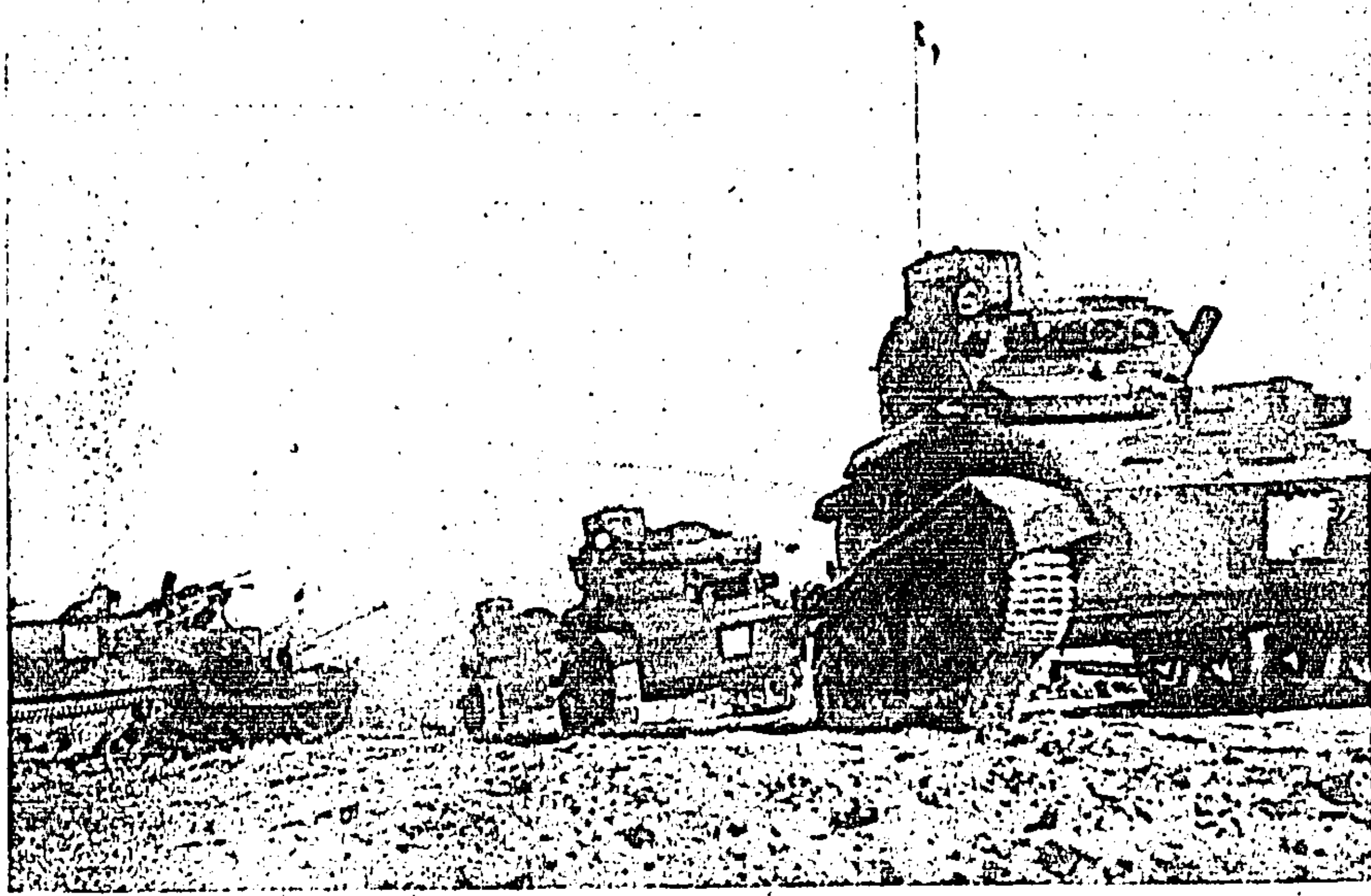
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WHY SWEDEN TURNED DEAF EAR TO FINNISH PLEA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 25 (UP).—The Swedish Premier, in a radio broadcast to-day, revealed that Finland had requested military assistance from Sweden on October 18 last year.

This request was refused, the Premier said, because Sweden feared involvement in the war, if she sent troops to the Aaland Islands.

Don't Like Own Medicine

**More Nazi Ships
Intercepted, Sunk**
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, March 25 (UP).—The War Office announces that two German ships loaded with Swedish ore were challenged off the coast of Denmark yesterday. One was sunk and the other was scuttled by her own crew, the announcement said.

Ostprussen Ashore

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—Another German freighter has been put out of action. She is the Ostprussen, which, like the Edmund Hugo Stines, was carrying a cargo of coke. She sprang a leak off the Danish coast while zig-zagging to evade the British warships. The Captain had to run her aground. The crew of 30 are still on board trying to refloat the ship.

Danish Ship Sunk

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
EDINBURGH, Mar. 25 (UP).—The Danish steamer Britta (140 tons) was sunk in the Atlantic west of the Orkney Islands to-day. Some survivors, including the Captain, are expected to be landed at a Scottish port to-day from another Danish ship.

N.Y. "Daily News" Lashes Wang

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Mar. 25 (UP).—The New York "Daily News" in an editorial says: "The traitor Wang—Japan's puppet in China—is the Government of Benedict Arnold and can be lasting only so long as it is upheld by Japanese bayonets. That is why the United States may write the last chapter in the story of Wang. The United States could give Japan's invasion a terrible blow by clapping on an embargo."

Puppet Council

PEIPING, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—A North China Political Council is being formed early in April, according to reports current here. It will take the place of the Peiping Provisional Government, the dissolution of which is expected after the inauguration of the new Japanese-sponsored "Central Government" at Nanking on March 30.

U.S. WARPLANES FOR ALLIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (UP).—The U.S. Secretary of War, together with the Chiefs of Staff of the Army, Navy and Air Corps, have agreed on a broad policy to divert for sale to Britain and France between 500 and 600 new model planes being made for the United States Army and Navy. The Senate Military Affairs Committee to-day considered Senator La Follette's resolution asking for an inquiry into Allied plane purchases, charging that they have delayed orders placed by the United States.

BALKANS' DANGER

**British Press Warns Of
New Hitler Move**

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—The lull in the Nazi propaganda after the dark hints of something big breaking over Easter was the subject of comment in the Home Press to-day.

Commenting on the Hitler-Mussolini meeting at the Brenner Pass, the "Manchester Guardian" says that "whenever dictators meet, there is a hullabaloo, if nothing else. Such tactics are an integral part of Nazi technique. The paper warns, however, that rumours are not always false. The Labour paper, "Daily Herald," takes a somewhat similar view. Dr. Goebbels, it says, has promised us that the whole face of Europe would be changed this week-end. Well, it looks much the same. There has been no earthquake.

The French and the British peoples, however, are absolutely determined at their two countries should be active and alert. The Labour paper, "Daily Herald," takes a somewhat similar view. Dr. Goebbels, it says, has promised us that the whole face of Europe would be changed this week-end. Well, it looks much the same. There has been no earthquake.

Bullying And Intriguing
Hitler has not attacked the Balkans yet, but his emissaries are bullying and intriguing. This time the French and British Governments have been forewarned. They must be prepared for any emergency.

The "News Chronicle" says that the diplomatic struggle now in progress may have as great effects on the war as a major military campaign. Germany has a side door and a back door in the Baltic and the Balkans. The side door is almost sealed up, but the back door is very much open. That accounts for the German activity there.

But the Allies are stronger there than in the Baltic. If the Balkans are to be lost, the Allies must make sure of them. Their military and financial resources are impressive.

Instruments Of Torture
The "Daily Telegraph" says that in the north, south, east and west, the aim is to plunder neutral peoples. For the Scandinavian countries, Holland and Belgium, the murder of their merchant seamen and destruction of their ships are the instruments of torture. In the Balkans and on the Danube, the Nazis at present prefer blackmail to open murder. The pistol pocket, with its bulge, is hunted, however.

The Balkans need not fear it if they resolve to maintain their security, and PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

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ALLIED BLOCKADE TIGHTENED

German Anger Grows As British Warships Stake New Claim

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 25 (UP).—British Naval forces are reported to be clamping a tight blockade across the German shipping lanes from the North Sea into the Baltic in order to interrupt shipments of iron ore from Sweden.

Reports state that the British are blockading the Kattegat between Skagen and Sweden.

Reliable information states that four German freighters en route to Narvik have turned about and are believed to be going back home.

It is also reported that northbound German ships off the west coast of Jutland have received orders to return to Germany while ships carrying Swedish ore are hugging the Norwegian coast.

The size of the British detachment is not known but it is believed to consist of fast light destroyers and two heavier destroyers in addition to submarines which have already sunk two German freighters.

"Britain now intends to violate neutral territory everywhere," declares D.N.B. (the Official German News Agency) angrily in referring to the blockade.

Recent violations have been directed chiefly against Scandinavian territory where British naval forces have proceeded against peaceful German merchantmen, in the course of which neutral waters were violated.

The German steamer Nordland was approached by the British destroyers Fearless and Duchess (the Duchess was sunk in a collision on December 13) within Norwegian waters at a time when they were within 700 metres of the shore. "The German steamer Nordland, as the result of continued threats by two British destroyers, was forced to run into Ros Fjord. The German freighter Europa was also threatened within Norwegian waters," the D.N.B. report declares.

SEASIDES WERE CROWDED

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—On the first Easter Monday of this war huge crowds of holiday makers throughout the country flocked to the seaside by train, hikers thronged the countryside and cyclists filled the roads.

There were the usual Bank Holiday crowds in London "seeing the sights." The only difference this time was that they saw sandbags and steel-helmeted city policemen.

The rationing of petrol, however, stopped many families who normally go on holiday by motorcar. Motor traffic was only one third of the normal traffic. The London-Brighton road carried the bulk of the cars at a rate of 1,400 an hour.

HUNGER STRIKE IN DUBLIN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
DUBLIN, March 25 (UP).—Seven IRA prisoners to-day entered the 30th day of their hunger strike in Arbourhill Military Prison as a protest against their imprisonment by the Eire Government.

Strong forces of police and troops are being maintained throughout Ulster. The strikers, weak and emaciated, are led by Sean MacCurtain, who is awaiting trial for the murder of Detective John Roche in Cork on January 3 this year.

Reynaud Receives Italian Envoy

PARIS, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—M. Paul Reynaud, the new Premier, yesterday received the Italian Ambassador in Paris. The French Ambassador to Rome left the Italian capital for Paris yesterday morning.

BRITAIN RECEIVES NORWAY'S PROTEST

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—Norway has protested to the British Government about the alleged violations of her neutrality by a British aeroplane.

A further protest about the incidents involving British warships is now being prepared in Oslo.

It is understood that the main complaint against the British warships is that they entered Norwegian waters to intercept German ships. Two or three such incidents are named. German propaganda is making its usual outcry for all the world to hear as though Germany were the only true champion of neutral rights.

No information on the subject is available from official quarters in London, but the Diplomatic Correspondent of the BBC comments that it seems a little ridiculous that the German wireless and press should take up the subject of Norwegian neutrality. One would think, he said, that the British and the French were the only people who had never shown any respect for the rights of the neutrals, but seven months of war have left no doubt as to who is the enemy of neutral rights.

There has been no British action or bombings against neutrals. No British planes have bombed or machine-gunned neutral merchant ships. No British magnetic mines have been laid indiscriminately on trade routes which are the lifelines of the neutrals.

It was not the French and British policy which forced Finland to capitulate to Soviet aggression. It was the German threats to the neutrals and the neutral fear of them. The Norwegian Government, he goes on, will not forget whatever complaints it makes to Britain that only two days ago it protested to Berlin about the brutal Nazi sea warfare which sinks Norwegian ships and has killed Norwegian seamen.

Only last week Mr. Chamberlain reminded the neutrals that they would not and securely in the assumption that it did not matter who won the war.

Britain and France are fighting an unscrupulous enemy who respects no rights but force. The Allies are doing their utmost to respect the rights of the neutrals. Not a single neutral life has been lost by British action.

Protest Received Last Week
LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—No representations concerning allegations of British infringement of Norwegian neutrality have been received through the Norwegian Legation in London since last week.

Prior to the end of last week, representations were received by the Foreign Office which were concerned, in the main, with alleged cases of infringement of Norwegian neutrality by British aircraft.

These representations are now the subject of investigations by the appropriate British authorities.

"Reuter" understands that the Norwegian representations were received about Thursday last.

Alleged activities by British ships played some part in these representations but the main contentions hinged upon aerial activities.

Newsman's Expulsion

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—No official report has yet been received here about the expulsion from Rumania of Mr. M. H. Lovell, Reuter's chief correspondent for the Balkans. As soon as a full statement is received from the British Legation at Bucharest an investigation will be held into the matter.

WESTERN FRONT

INTENSE PATROL ACTIVITY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, Mar. 25 (UP).—Reports from the Western Front state that there has been intense patrol activity, particularly west of the Saar River where the Germans were repulsed after a fierce night battle. French troops surrounded a section of Germans east of the Moselle River, and took some prisoners. The 408th. communique states: There has been localised artillery action on various parts of the front and infantry fire along the Rhine, together with aerial activity on both sides.

All Quiet

PARIS, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—An official communique issued here to-day states that everything was quiet on the whole of the front yesterday.

OPERATIONS IN WAZIRISTAN

NEW DELHI, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—"All quiet in Waziristan" sums up the present position of operations in the Ahmedzai salient where cleaning up operations against bad characters across the border were begun on February 22.

Although it is still too early to forecast a lasting improvement it is evident that the heavy casualties sustained by the raiding gangs had a sobering effect.

The gangs in question consisted mainly of criminals and outlaws and have been using the Ahmedzai district as a base for their operations.

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NAZI REPORTS REFUTED

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that the claims made by the official German news agency to the effect that a considerable number of British aircraft were lost in the attack on Sylt are wholly false.

As already announced, only one British aircraft engaged in the operation failed to return to its base. It is learned from the Air Ministry that direct hits were obtained on hangars, jetty, light railway and other parts of the base.

Oil storage tanks and barracks were set on fire.

The reconnaissance flight on March 20 confirmed the success of the operation.

Another Air Ministry bulletin declares that there is no truth in the reports published abroad that one or more R.A.F. aircraft violated Danish neutrality and fired on civilians.

Belgian A.A. Fire

RUSSELS, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire at an aeroplane of unknown nationality flying at a great height, about a mile and a half south of the city.

NEW LIGHTSHIP EVOLVED

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—As a result of Nazi plane attacks on defenceless lightships round the British coast a new type of vessel has been built. They are now on view at Great Yarmouth harbour.

Only half the size of the usual vessel, its lights when lit can operate without attention for two months. The vessels will be taken over by various lightship stations and left there. It will not be necessary for the crew to remain on board.

The fact that the vessel is only half the normal size will make it a difficult mark for the Germans trying to put it out of action.

Mary Hopes To Get £5 Reward

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—Mary Thompson, of Bridlington, has found a new type of torpedo. It is now being examined by the Admiralty. She hopes to be the first to claim the £5 reward recently announced by the Admiralty for discoverers of this kind.

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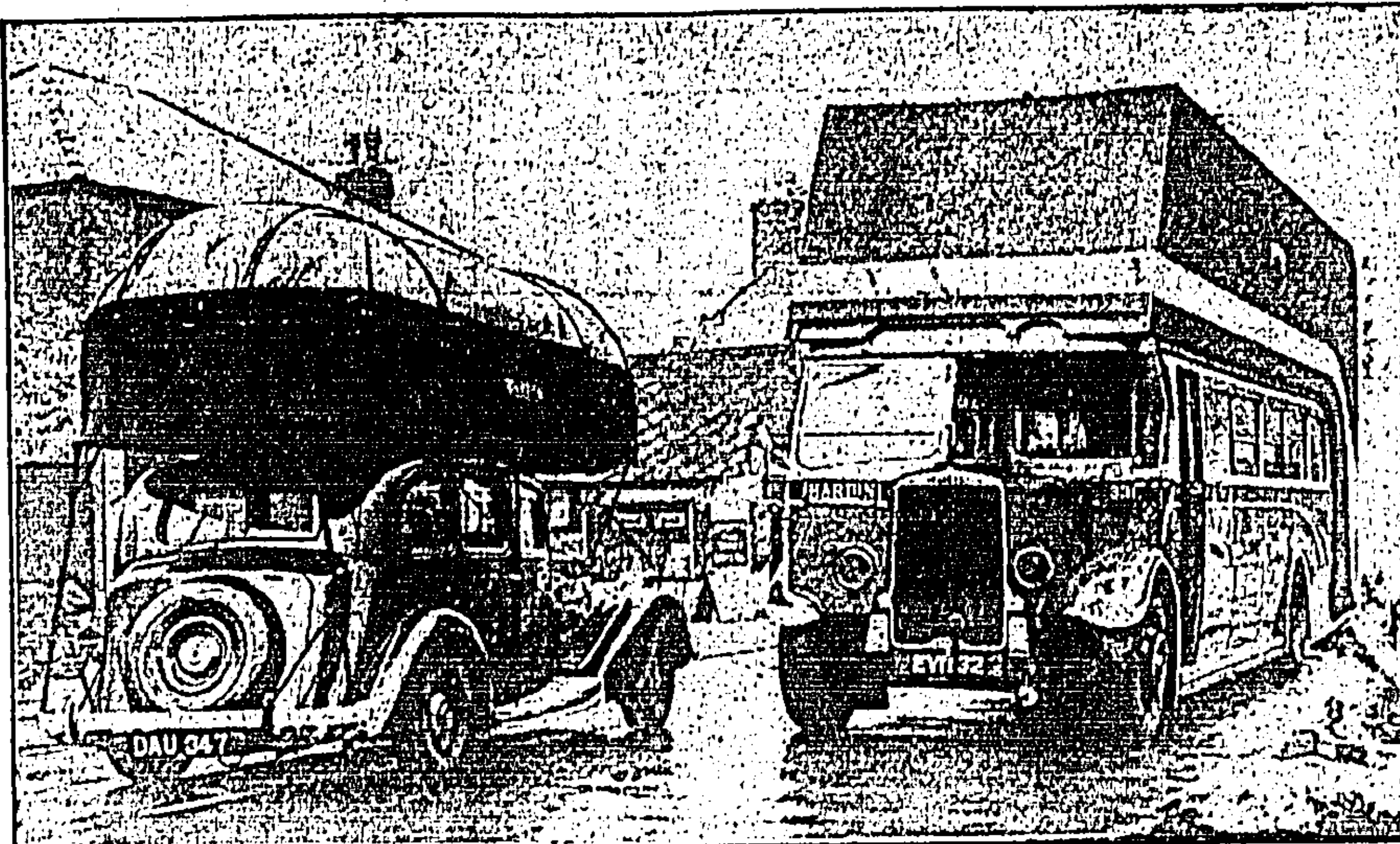
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Mauretania Nears Panama Canal

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
PANAMA, Mar. 25 (UP).—It is reliably stated that the Mauretania is due to arrive at Cristobal tonight. She will pass through the Panama Canal on her way to Australia.

NOTTINGHAM GAS-BAGS

A private car and a bus, both using coal gas stored in balloons as a substitute for petrol, passing in a Nottingham street.



Secret Of The Day Before War Is Revealed

NEWSPAPERS are now permitted after six months to reveal that on September 2, the day before the outbreak of war, a former German bombing pilot, who for several years had been one of the chief scientists employed in a famous British airplane factory, was taken from his London home on the instructions of Scotland-Yard and is now in an internment camp.

He is Dr. Gustav Victor Lachmann, generally considered to be one of the greatest aeronautical engineers in the world.

He was consulting engineer to the Handley Page Company, at their laboratory at Edgware, and as such had been engaged on building secret bombers for the British Government.

In 1934 he was responsible for a bomber which for a considerable time was on the secret list of the R.A.F. The machine embodied many new ideas, and only the most trusted of men were allowed to go near it.

After extensive tests the plane was adopted by the R.A.F., and Dr. Lachmann received the congratulations of high officials of the Air Ministry for his brilliant work.

He went to England about ten years ago at the invitation of Mr. Handley Page, who had read a lecture Dr. Lachmann had given in Germany on the advantages which the "slotted wing" gave to an airplane.

At that time, Mr. Handley Page was himself working on a design for a slotted wing. After reading Dr. Lachmann's lecture he asked him to co-operate in developing the device, and Dr. Lachmann consented.

Airplane production in Germany was then seriously hampered by the Treaty of Versailles, but in England Dr. Lachmann was able to develop his ideas in conjunction with Mr. Handley Page, and their slotted wing device has since become almost a standard fitting.

Dr. Lachmann is a man of about forty-five years of age, tall, and of striking appearance. On the side of one cheek is a scar, a relic of university days in Germany, when he fought in a duel.

During the war he served as an officer in a dragon regiment of the German Army. Later he transferred to the air service and qualified as a night bombing pilot.

He did not take part in any raid on London, most of his bombing being over France.

After the War he took the Degree of Doctor of Engineering, specialising in Aeronautics. Then he had a bad crash in a plane he was testing. It was that crash which gave him the idea of the slotted wing.

When Dr. Lachmann arrived in England he was unmarried. In

Entire Coastline Is Now Guarded BALLOON GUARD FOR COAST OF ENGLAND

A "BALLOON NAVY," seagoing adaptation of the curious "balloon barrage" which dots the skies over London, has been extended to virtually the entire British coastline.

The balloon barrage is designed to keep attacking planes high enough to reduce their bombing efficiency.

Mobile marine balloons, trailing entangling cables, are being extended to protect strategic coastal points.

These balloons are attached by cables to barges and other ships which fall into two classes: one designed to lie at anchor in key positions, and the other, larger and more seaworthy, able to proceed quickly to any position.

Barbed Wire Fence

Meanwhile on the Western Front a barbed wire fence seven feet high was being erected along the German-Netherlands border to-day by German soldiers.

They said the barrier was designed to stop "undesirables" from crossing the frontier and to prevent smuggling—presumably of money from Germany into the Netherlands.

Barbed wire was strung along the southern part of the Limburg Provincial border early in the war, but now the Germans apparently are intending to close the entire frontier.

Customs gates are situated at intervals along the barrier, and legal passage is permitted at these points. As a further means of control, virtually all train traffic between the two countries is being routed through one point—Bentheim, Germany.

THEY FIND THIS WARM!

TWO HUNDRED bachelors landed in England recently—and they took off their overcoats because they felt too warm. The hardy lads were Newfoundland fishermen, first of 625 volunteers who are going mine-sweeping. Among them were four brothers, who expect a fifth to arrive in the next ship.

Japan, while travelling on behalf of the Handley Page Company, he met an English widow whom he married.

"He Worked Well"

At first they lived in a villa in Mill Hill, Middlesex, but later rented a large detached house in Canonbury, Edgware. Until the outbreak of war they lived quietly, mixing little in local society.

Although locally he was regarded as something of a mystery man, in British aviation circles he was recognised as a man of exceptional brilliance, always ready to assist others interested in his work. At the Handley Page works he was extremely popular with executives of the firm and the workpeople.

On September 2, in the afternoon, a police car stopped outside his house. Two Scotland-yard officers rang the front-door bell. The doctor had just finished his lunch. A few minutes later he accompanied the detectives in the car, waving goodbye to his wife.

His house is now deserted. The windows are closed. Carpets and furniture have gone. The lawn is uncut, the flower beds untended. Mrs. Lachmann and her three daughters have left the district and are living in the country.

Mr. Handley Page, discussing the case with a reporter at Home, said: "There was no more loyal man to this country than Dr. Lachmann. That is my view."

"Had it not been for the war, he would by this time have been a British subject. He was doing a very good job of work for England."

"I know that now even to mention that a man is a German is to create suspicion regarding him and his work, but I can say this, Dr. Lachmann was far from being a Nazi."

His case has since been dealt with by the Special Advisory Committee on Aliens set up to assist Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, and will now be further considered by him.

200 Basque Children Hand In Their Gas masks As They Embark For Spain

A HUNDRED Basque refugee children left Victoria Station recently on their way from wartime Britain to peace-time Spain.

Another 100 travelled to the same port direct from towns in the South of England. When they got there the children's gas-masks were collected for return to the Government.

This is the first of three expeditions which will have conducted 600 of the 1,000 now in England back to their homes. The remaining 500 cannot be sent home because their parents are

either dead or in prison or refugees in France.

The youngest of the children who left Victoria were Carmen, aged four, and Juan, aged five. They were babies when their mothers parted with them three years ago to save them from bombs over Bilbao.

Of the 500 who remain in Britain 180 are now over 15 and will be self-supporting. The trade unions have been most helpful in finding them jobs," said an official of the Basque Committee. The others have all been placed in private families and may, in time, be adopted.

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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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Air Mail for "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—due London, 3rd April.

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G. F. O.
Reg., Mar. 26, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., Mar. 26, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 1st April.

K. F. O.
Reg., Mar. 26, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., Mar. 26, 5.30 p.m.
G. F. O.
Reg., Mar. 26, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., Mar. 26, 7.00 p.m.
Saigon and parcels only for Straits, Ceylon, Egypt and Marseilles—due Marseilles 26th April.

G.P.O. & K.F.O.

Par., Mar. 26, 5 p.m.
Ord., Mar. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 17th April.

G. F. O. and K. F. O.
Par., Mar. 26, 5.00 p.m.
Reg., Mar. 27, 9.15 a.m.
Ord., Mar. 27, 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 27

Haliphong and Haliphong 1.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 4th April.

K. F. O.
Reg., Mar. 27, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., Mar. 27, 5.30 p.m.
G. F. O.

Reg., Mar. 27, 5.00 p.m.
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1.45 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.47 Harry Roy and His Orchestra in Dance Music.

1.18 Rale da Costa at the Piano.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Clapham and Dwyer, Binnie Hale, Ronald Murgatroyd, and Others—Music for Romance, Mine Alone, Binnie Hale with Organ Accompanying.

1.50 Snappy—Medley, Sidney Torch, Clapham and Dwyer on Photography, Clapham and Dwyer: Love, Forever I Adore You, In Your Arms To-night, Ronald Murgatroyd (Tenor) with Violin and Piano; Lulu's Back in Town, In A Little Gipsy Tea Room, George Scott-Wood with Instrumental accompaniment.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 An hour of Dance Music.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Studio—A talk on The West Country illustrated by music of the Counties.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Compositions of Dvorak—Slavonic Dance No. 10 in A Flat Major, Czech Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Václav Talich; Songs My Mother Taught Me, Op. 55, No. 4, Kirsten Flaggid (Soprano) with Piano; Quartet in E Flat Major, Op. 61, Loner String Quartet.

8.45 A Light Orchestra Concert with Richard Tauber (Tenor)—Bal Masque, Light Symphony Orchestra; Indian Love Call, Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Grand Symphony Orchestra; Mon Reve, Light Symphony Orchestra; O Rose Marie, I Love You, Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Grand Symphony Orchestra; Babylonian Nights, In The Sudan, Alfred von Dam and His Gaumont State Orch.; Somewhere A Voice is Calling, Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orch.; Parade of the Imps, George Grohrock-Ferrari and His Orchestra.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 Diet—The Fair Maid of Perth, Suite—Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

10.02 B.B.C. Recording—"Poor Old Saell."

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10.15 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers."

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War comes to the East Coast . . . No. 1

HULL

THE war comes to England. Here you are within reach of the war, and you know it. Not many miles away, across those waters of the Humber, shining in the morning sun, the men of this city are being machine-gunned by the Nazi raiders, innocent fishermen who have one complaint only—there is not enough fishing!

The fishermen here are reputed to be "some of the toughest men in the world"—and no wonder, for the Hull trawler-men fishing on the "West Side" or up around Bear Island must develop strength and courage that no Nazi raider can undermine.

Some of this toughness communicates itself to the city. "We've got to beat the hell out of Hitler," is the sort of remark you hear in conversation. The mind of Hull is much more fixed on the war than is, say, the mind of London.

Why, I attended a luncheon of 50 or 60 business men, and what do you think was the subject chosen by the speaker? "Short Waves, particularly as applied to war—and fishing!"

You cannot get away from fishing. No surprises there, for in the old days, we speak here of the "old days," meaning the days before the war—about 60,000 of Hull's people relied on fishing for their livelihood.

Of course, the Admiralty have taken over most of the trawlers for minesweeping and all that, but, as Alderman Frederick Till told me, that creates a new problem. For, although the trawler-men themselves find employment in the minesweepers, the ancillary trades have been badly hit by the cessation of actual fishing.

The Hull fleet has dwindled because its up-to-date vessels, largest and finest in the country, best suited the purposes of the Admiralty. So Hull bears some of the brunt of the economic war by the loss of its fishing industry.

THEY LAST MET IN CHINA

NOW you have only to be in this city five minutes to know that the Royal Navy is here in strength says Harry, the cocktail shaker at the big hotel: "Do you know that I sell three times as much Plymouth gin now as I did before the war?" Pink gin, of course, is the naval officer's favourite drink.

The hotel lounge is full of officers. Chubb-Lieut. Commanders, serious-looking Captains, and slim, gay, young Lieutenants. "Hallo," says one to another in the bar. "I haven't seen you since China. Have a drink."

The pink gins are stacked up, and they resume the conversation almost as if they had met yesterday. Yet it was China.

"Staying long?" And the reply is, "No. I'm off to-morrow." Very much like ships that pass. But all these men in their blue uniforms, some of them coming into the hotel with their rubber boots still on, remind you that the war is here, just outside where the Humber meets the sea.

Then in the street you find converted trawlers almost getting mixed up with the buses, where the wharves meet the high-ways. Grey-painted, grim, they appear as a standing reminder that the war is on. They remind you that from here the crews of the little ships go out and sometimes never return. Believe me, there are anxious hearts among the folk living on the edge of the Humber.

To the ordinary and expected perils of the seas are added the dangers of the mine and the machine-guns from the skies. No woman ever knows when her husband's ship is due in from Antwerp or Rotterdam. She can ring up the office, and all she can learn is that the ship is delayed.

A voyage in which a wife might expect her husband home in a week may now take three, so you can understand that what must be an Admiralty secret is often an anxiety for the women of Hull.

Yet so conscious are the people here of the war that there are, so I am told, very few complaints. "We know we are on the spot," said an official to me at the Guildhall, where I was discussing the trade situation. Everybody understands that Hull, with its vast dock and its approachability by air from Germany, is in the direct line of fire when it comes. Yet not one in a hundred carries a gas mask!

FIVE AIR RAID WARNINGS

ANOTHER thing, of the 33,000 people evacuated from the city, about 50 per cent. have returned. Some were sent for safety to Scarborough.

"Why, look what happened to Scarborough in the last war," said a friendly acquaintance. "Anyway, I'd rather be in Hull. It's a fine city—even in the black-out." And I tell you this city is blacked out.

The people here have experienced five air raid warnings to date, though the Nazis have not come inland now for some time.

The business men can't forget that we are at war. Nearly every afternoon their telephone calls to London are greatly delayed, for the Admiralty must know all that's going on around the coast, and so the phones are busy.

Indeed, I can't imagine how anybody here can ignore it, when, almost daily, merchantmen are to be seen coming up the Humber, with a significant tarpaulin hiding the gun they have been given as a defence against the Nazis.

THE Nazi Heinkel dives from the clouds and rakes the decks of trawler and merchant ship with a hail of machine-gun bullets. What about then in the Heinkel? Artist Haworth shows you two of them—two men in a glasshouse—pilot and forward gunner. Look at their equipment. Death-dealer No. 1 is the machine-gun (A). Just a standard German pattern: it fires 400 bullets a minute. And that gun can be swung easily up, down, left, right, almost anywhere on its universal joint mounting (B).

A FEW quick and interesting details are: (C) the magazine; (D) the map; (E) the gunner's cushion; (F) the little glass "outhouse" in which the bomb-sighting apparatus—(G)—is fixed. The man you see with the gun is the man who drops the bombs too. Now the big glasshouse itself. The whole of the nose of the Heinkel is covered in "plexiglass" (H) three-sixteenths of an inch thick. Let's peep through the windows. Notice at the top the pilot's instrument panel (J)—like the dashboard of a car—fixed to the roof.

AND here's an interesting rubber-covered control column (K). The novel thing about it is that it can be swung to one side for a change of pilot. If that pilot you see there were wounded or killed in his seat, the gunner could scramble up and take over the controls while standing at his side. The actual speed controls are at (L), while (M) is the armoured seat designed to give the pilot the maximum possible protection. A quick glance now on the outside of the Heinkel. See that number there beside the key letter (N)? That is put there as a guide to aerodrome mechanics. It shows them that the petrol to be used for this particular plane must have an 87 octane content. The design at (O) is the badge of the squadron to which the Heinkel belongs.

The port is Hull and Hull is the port, but the others serving the nation are not forgotten. To one fund the citizens have contributed £5,000 in cash for comforts, and many thousands of articles for the use of the troops, including such old things as pianos, suites of furniture, and even a cage of budgerigars.

As you travel up through the flat farmlands of East Anglia, you feel that you are approaching the war zone of England. Understandably, the accent in Hull is on the sea, and thoughts are focussed on the trawler-men and merchant sailors whose port this is. Hull to help them, Hull to save them from the Nazi almen who think it fun to swoop down and pepper their decks with bullets.

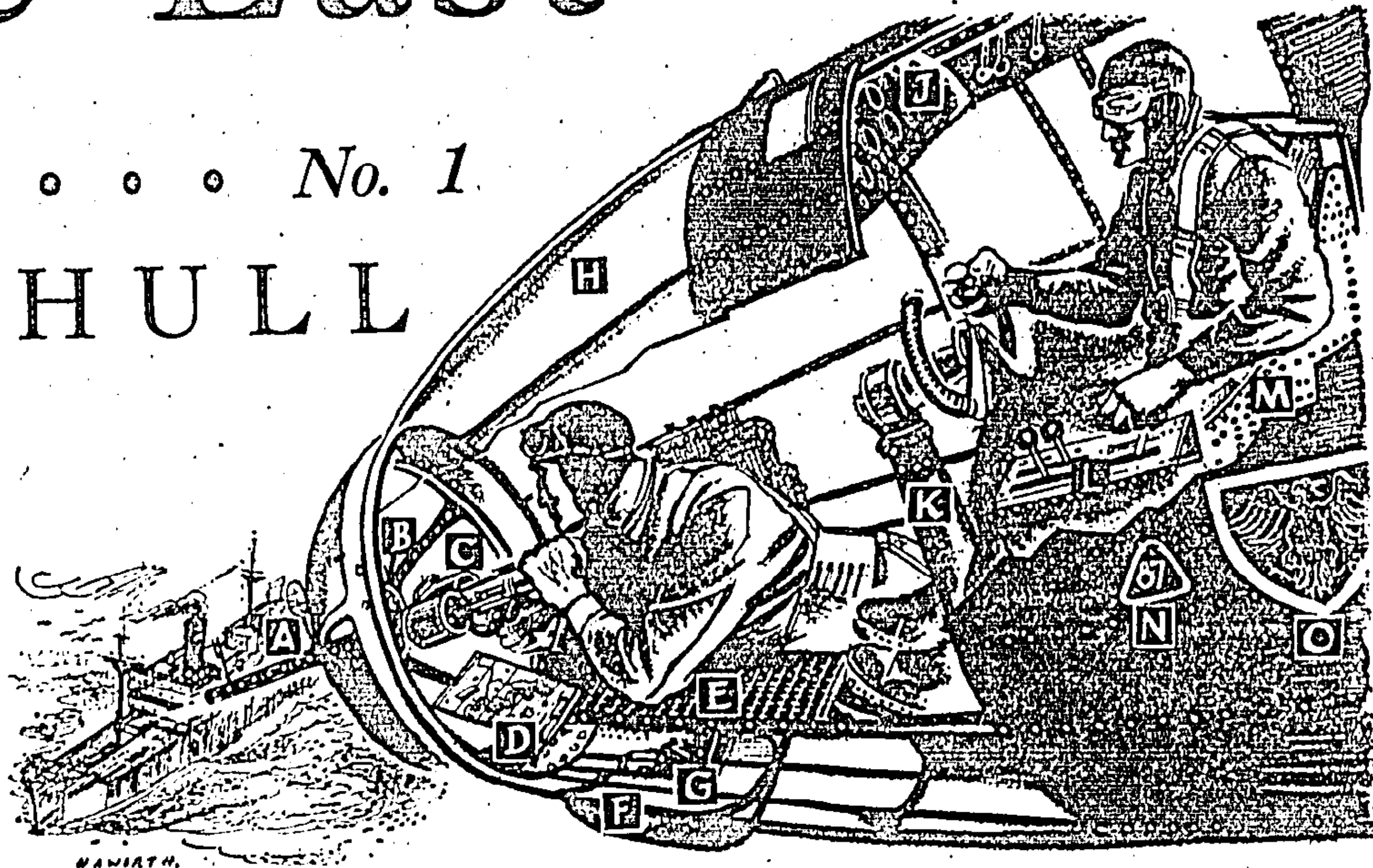
The people here are interested in the winning of the war that is nearer to them than it is to us who live in London or our great inland cities.

Nearer because of the battered ships, the zoom of planes, the reports of the machine-gun firing not far away, and because sailormen of Hull have died under the Nazi terror.

No, the war is not a "dore" here.

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BOOK REVIEW

Englishwomen are Hopeless!

—says Chinese woman

By Monica Dickens

WE poor British women! What do we know about marriage and happiness?

A Chinese woman, Kuo Chin Chiu, has looked at us, and what she has seen she has written in a book, "Peach Path" (Methuen: 8s.), which shows that the Eastern World knows more than the Western World about this business of being a woman.

Here is how she sums us up. "Mrs. Robinson says over a good stiff whisky-and-soda at the club: 'My dear, I gave up a perfectly marvellous career to get married, and look what's happened. I can't possibly go back to my music now. That's what marriage does for you.'"

"Miss Smith, getting into the thirties, calls every man 'darling,' and can gulp enough sherry every evening to drown her sense of hopelessness till next morning. 'Men,' she sniffs, 'there are so few worth while. My people brought me up with the sole idea of getting married, but where are the men?'"

"Mrs. Slave lives in the suburbs with two children and a fat, complacent husband. Hear her whine as she flings her withered hands in the washbasin: 'I never get a chance to go to the pictures. . . . She gets thinner and thinner and goes on whining and slaving, never doing anything she wants, because she is too mentally lazy even to suggest it.'"

★
Poor Chinese women! I am glad I am British. I, Monica Dickens, have looked at the picture of Chinese marriage that Kuo Chin Chiu gives in her book, and what I see is this:

"Jade Pure and a young man called Good Renown have been friends for several years. Jade Pure has her ideals of the man she wants to marry.

"She weighs Mr. Good up carefully. Mr. Good wants a wife a woman who is educated enough to understand him. . . . he does not want a wife who outshines him. He wants a woman who will decorate his home.

"They discuss ways and means. . . . they study the rules and make sure they will like the game."

If this is the Chinese recipe for married happiness, I prefer the European brand.

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"THE LOVE STORY OF GILBERT BRIGHT," by Frank Tilsley (Collins: 8s. 3d.), is the story of a father's love for his son. Told by the son with reality and humanity. An outstanding well-written book, with an end that I found deeply moving.

QUIZKRIEG

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After more than six months of historic events, how much do you remember of the history which YOU are helping to make?

Since Hitler's "Blitzkrieg" is still postponed, try your memory on "Quizkrieg"—a series of questions about wartime events.

1. Did Germany invade Poland on, before or after August 31?
2. Was general conscription introduced a day, or a month before war started?
3. Was it for a two, three or four years' war that Government Departments were instructed to plan?
4. Which was the quicker to declare war on Germany—Canada or South Africa?
5. If you can, name the French Minister of War or the French Minister of Foreign Affairs in Daladier's late Cabinet.
6. What type of warship was the Courageous?
7. Who was the famous Prime Minister assassinated by Fascists on September 21, 1937?
8. Which was the largest ship sunk by Germany up yesterday?
9. Who was the once Commander-in-Chief of the German Army who lost his life in the Polish campaign?
10. By how much was the yearly rate of Income Tax increased by Sir John Simon in his first war Budget?

For answers see Below.

QUIZKRIEG

1. After—on September 1; 2. A day before; 3. Three years; 4. Canada; 5. General Paul Reynaud; 6. A light cruiser; 7. Neville Chamberlain; 8. The battleship "Courageous"; 9. General Paul von Hindenburg; 10. Tax increased by 2s. 6d. to 1s. 6d.

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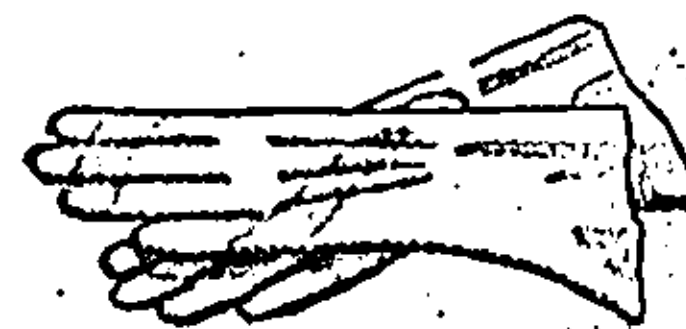


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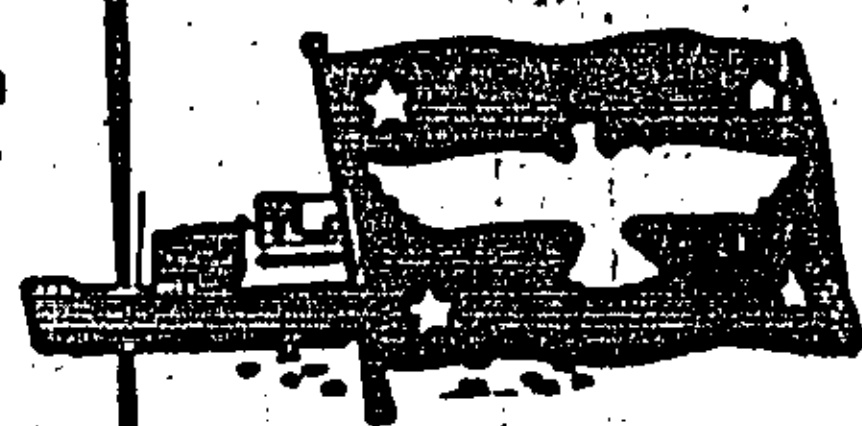
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Agreeable (poetic)
- 2—Prayer
- 3—Chinese mite
- 4—Futuristic
- 5—Musical group
- 6—Tender Cab
- 7—Divisions
- 8—Ugly dog
- 9—Lithine in "Tidals of the Earth"
- 10—Precipitation
- 11—Tuberculosis
- 12—Russian emperors
- 13—Makers explosive
- 14—Ancient Hebrew measure of length
- 15—Look on foolishly
- 16—Tasmania
- 17—Unit of arm weight
- 18—Mother
- 19—Hobbit
- 20—Information
- 21—Greek letter
- 22—Secret agent
- 23—Break up
- 24—Madmen (col.)
- 25—Greek philosopher
- 26—Nile of scale
- 27—Theatrical company
- 28—Arabian Nights editor

DOWN

- 1—Pioneers
- 2—Parent
- 3—Organ of vision
- 4—Blind spot
- 5—Bacon king
- 6—Carrying rifle titled to left
- 7—Metric measure
- 8—Prevent from moving
- 9—Greek table writer
- 10—Vineyard condition
- 11—Navy
- 12—Abyssinian ruler
- 13—Period of time
- 14—Precipitous ones
- 15—More recently
- 16—Members of famous theatrical family
- 17—Cool cats
- 18—Drops through slowly
- 19—Children
- 20—Beller
- 21—Calkin
- 22—Characteristics
- 23—Earth
- 24—Dentist
- 25—Dilutely warm
- 26—Of smallest amount
- 27—Microscopic portion
- 28—Aestivation
- 29—Prefix: under
- 30—Indefinite pronoun
- 31—Hebrew letter
- 32—Exist

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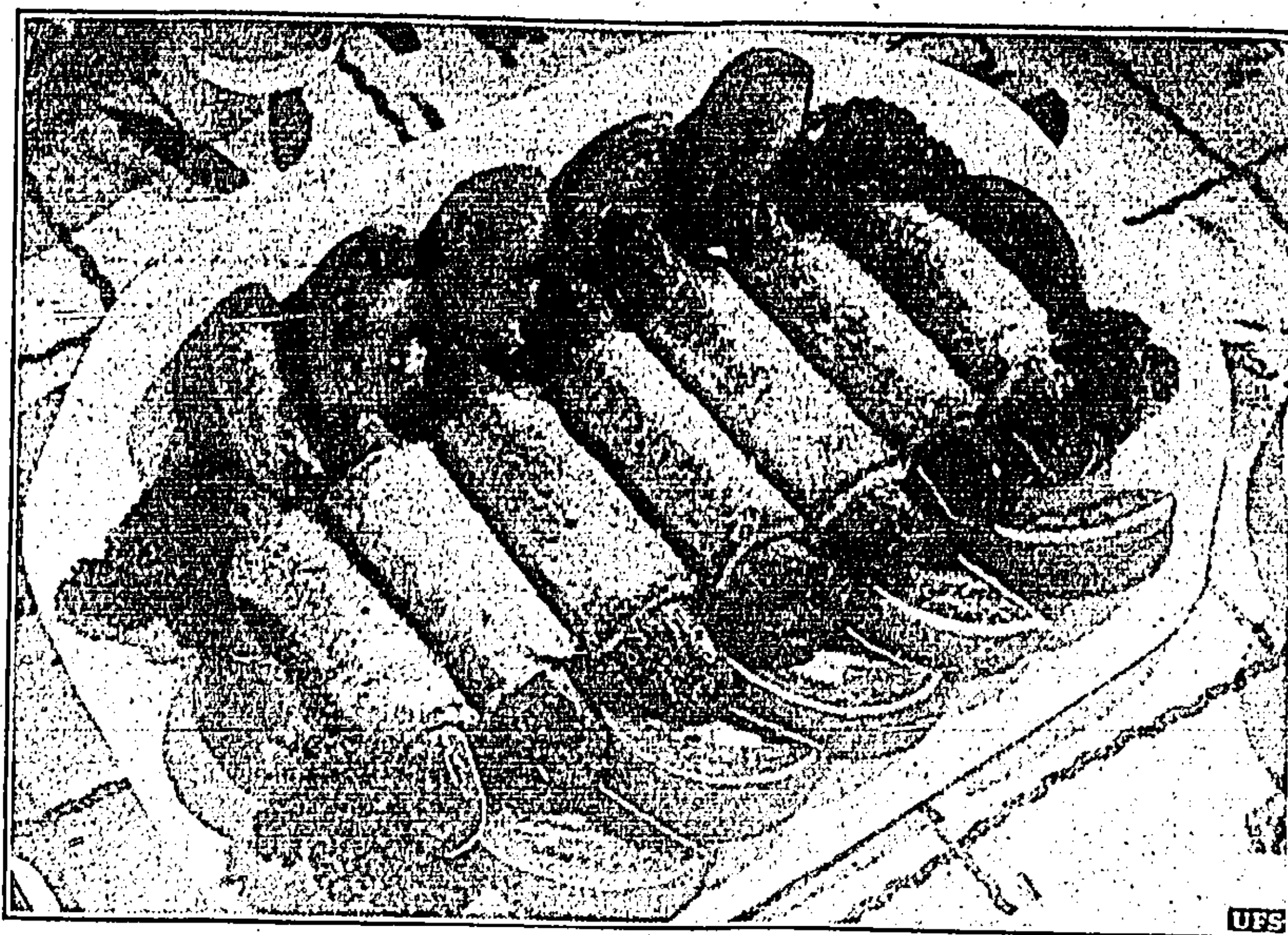


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Frankfurter Bread Rolls Satisfy Hearty Appetites

By JUDITH WILSON

OUTSIDE of a formal dinner, there is rarely an occasion when sandwiches are not appropriate. But perhaps too few women take advantage of the many possibilities offered by sandwiches as a main course at dinner or other meals.

You can serve big, hearty ones for buffet suppers; fancier ones, perhaps toasted, for Sunday night supper, or you can prepare an assortment of dainty ones with crisp cookies, or little frosted cakes and salted nuts for formal teas or bridge snacks. Hostesses can also make a great hit at informal parties by providing all ingredients for sandwiches, and letting each guest prepare his own.

In the large sandwich classification will be found the hot or toasted sandwich, broiled, grilled or French fried sandwiches, and the 3-decker or club sandwiches. When you want a delicious meal in a hurry, any of these is appropriate.

FRANKFURTER BREAD-ROLLS

Sliced bread
Frankfurters
Quick-melting cheese
Butter

Remove crust from desired number of bread slices. Spread one side with quick-melting cheese and wrap this around a frankfurter, plain side out. Use skewers or toothpicks to fasten in place. Brush outside of each "roll" with butter and broil slowly until bread is evenly browned and frankfurters are thoroughly heated. Serve hot. If preferred, the toasted frankfurter rolls may be made with plain buttered bread and served with a cheese sauce.

TOASTED HAM SANDWICH

Prepare the desired number of toasted ham sandwiches in your favorite manner. Place them on a baking sheet. Arrange whole tomatoes with the stem end removed, in a baking dish. Stem ends may be filled with bread crumbs and chopped green peppers, dot with butter and season with salt and pepper. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) until tomatoes are tender but still hold their shape. If tomatoes are not very juicy, add enough water to cover bottom of baking dish. During the last period of baking tomatoes, place ham sandwiches in same oven. Heat these through and serve with hot creamed mushrooms or a hot cheese sauce.

CREAMED MUSHROOMS

Saute ½ pound of sliced mushrooms in fat until slightly brown. Add 1 cup medium thick white sauce, seasoned to taste with salt and pepper. Cook 2 minutes, and serve.

CHEESE SAUCE

Add ¾ cup grated American cheese and a few drops Worcestershire sauce to 1 cup medium thick white sauce. Stir until cheese is melted.

SUPPER SANDWICH

3 slices bread per sandwich
Scrambled eggs
Dried beef, sliced in butter or crisp bacon

Bread may be toasted or untoasted. On one slice of bread place scrambled eggs. Cover with second slice and on this place dried beef sliced in butter or crisp bacon. Top with third slice of bread. Arrange in platter, then pour tomato sauce over top.

TOMATO SAUCE

2 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
1 medium (10-oz.) can cream of tomato soup

Melt butter. Add flour, blending well. Cook until bubbling, then add cream of tomato soup. Cook, stirring occasionally, until thickened.

For a delicious luncheon snack, try a cheese sandwich dipped in egg thinned with a little milk and then fried in butter.

Next time you want to turn out a batch of tasty sandwiches, soften ½ round sharp cheese with a fork, then work in ½ cup chopped fresh cucumber pickle, well drained, 1 tablespoon tomato ketchup and blend thoroughly.

SANDWICH DINNERS

Hot Toasted Ham Sandwich
with Mushroom Sauce
Baked Tomatoes
Fruit Salad
Oatmeal Cookies

Toasted Frankfurter Bread-Rolls
with Cheese Sauce
Onions Baked in Milk
Coke Slaw
Prune Pie Coffee

Double Chins

THE correct high carriage of the head will do a lot towards curing any tendency to more chins than one. So keep your head always well up and back, and don't, on any account, get into the habit of looking down, even in the cold weather when you may be tempted to walk all huddled up.

And perhaps you will, if you review the matter thoroughly, find the kind of pillow you sleep on is high. This has the effect of throwing your chin forward. If so, replace it by a lower one. And if you are Spartan enough to be able to do without a pillow altogether—then yours is a short cut to beauty.

But that is not all. That is only the beginning of the "cure." The tension of your neck muscles may need loosening.

Benefit of Exercise.

So morning and night, for several weeks, bend your head back slowly till it reaches as near your spine as you can make it. Try bouncing it gently. Then raise your head by stretching your neck.

At first, this exercise may feel awkward and ungainly. It should not, however, be painful, and you are likely to find at once your second chin is disappearing.

Also, rotate your head, by leaning first on your right shoulder, then round the back to your left; this, too, gives a longer neckline.

Especially for the good of your neck is this other exercise:—Lie on the floor face down, hands at your sides. Raise your head and chest from the floor, and snap your legs until you kick yourself. Relax. Repeat this ten times, and you will soon be conscious of benefit to both your spine and your neck.

V. C.

To Look Your Best

FIGHT that "inferior" feeling. Don't be too sure that any unworthy feeling you have is an inferiority complex. That second-rate sensation may have nothing whatever to do with a repressed childhood or whatever it is that is supposed to be the cause of this melancholy state.

It is a fine thing to be humble, but don't overdo it; it leads you nowhere. Let humour and proportion—those excellent twin senses—have a chance.

Why be depressed? If you are meeting the needs of the present situation you are doing your job all right. Appreciate yourself a little more.

Live, work, play, sleep, and rest, whenever possible, in the sunshine and open air.

Eat nourishing food. Keep cheerful in spite of everything.

Take things easily. Stop being annoyed at trifles. Have at least seven hours sleep, and eight or nine, if you can.

If you really want to stay younger than you really are, adopt a sane method of living. Rouge and powder are permissible, in fact, sometimes considered a necessity, but don't think that any of these things, or all of them, will turn back the clock.

High Cheek Bones

Make-up artists say that high cheek bones are an advantage. They give the face character, and hollows can always be highlighted with a lighter foundation cream to give the effect of a lovely oval. A round face is the most difficult of all to make up for a beautiful effect.

Make-Up For Arms

Movie make-up experts frequently use make-up on the arms and legs of stars so the skin is all the same tone. For this purpose a make-up base that comes in compressed cakes is used. This is applied with a wet sponge, blended evenly, and when dry gives a lasting, nearly waterproof finish. Many girls like to use this over back, arms and shoulders for evening when they wear low-cut gowns or when they wear revealing sports clothes. Another suggestion for such make-up is the tinted liquid make-up bases prepared by leading manufacturers.



The wool jacket with print dress is good for early Spring. Here the dress is in a striped crepe that gives the impression of being pleated. The jacket in black wool, and the print, black, red and white.



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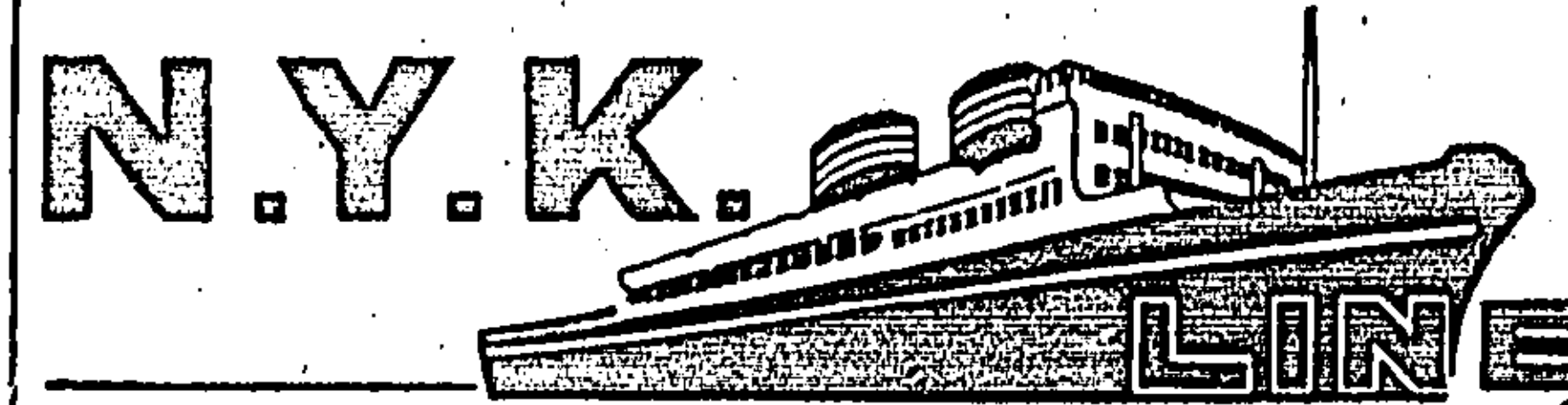
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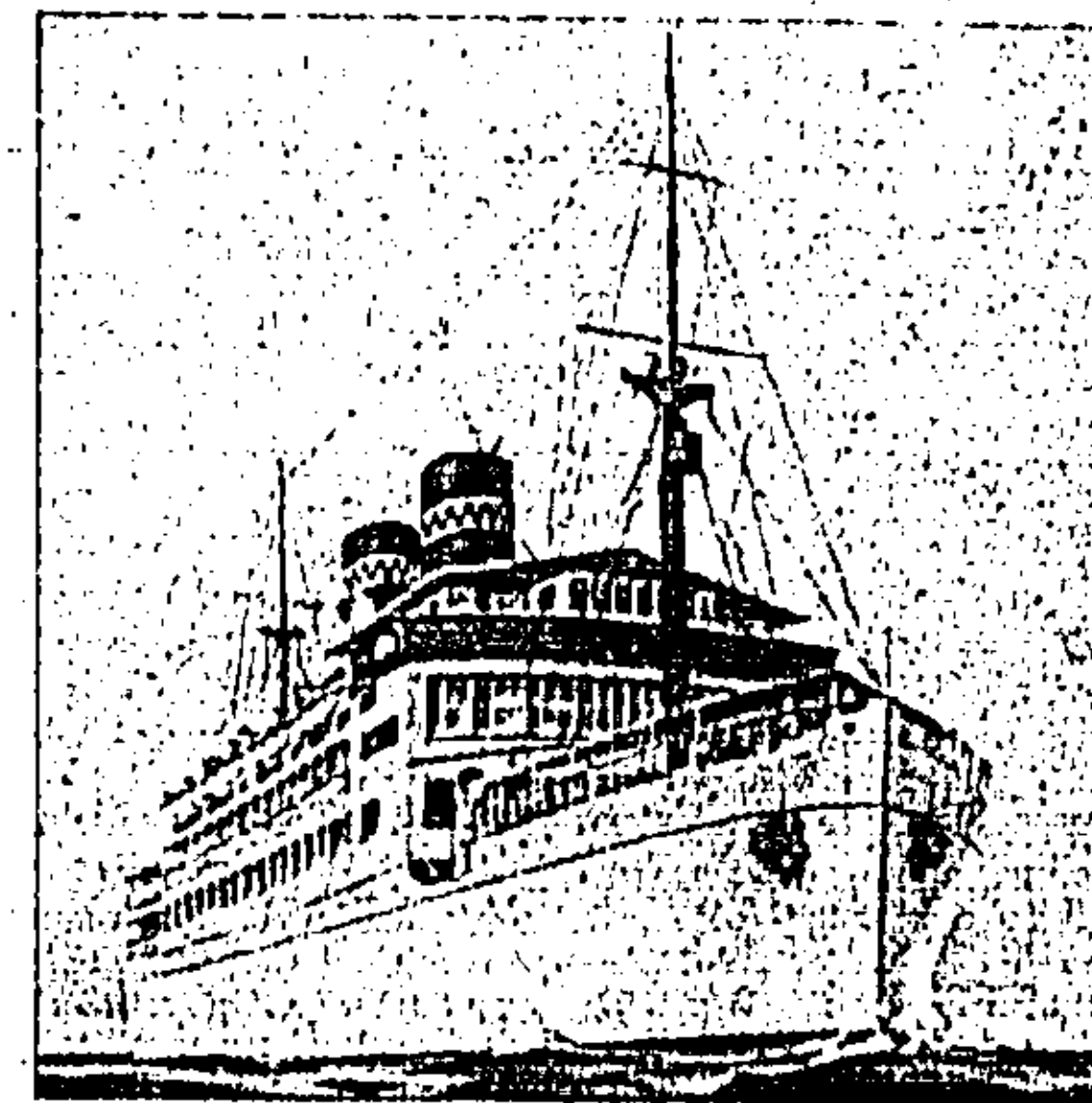
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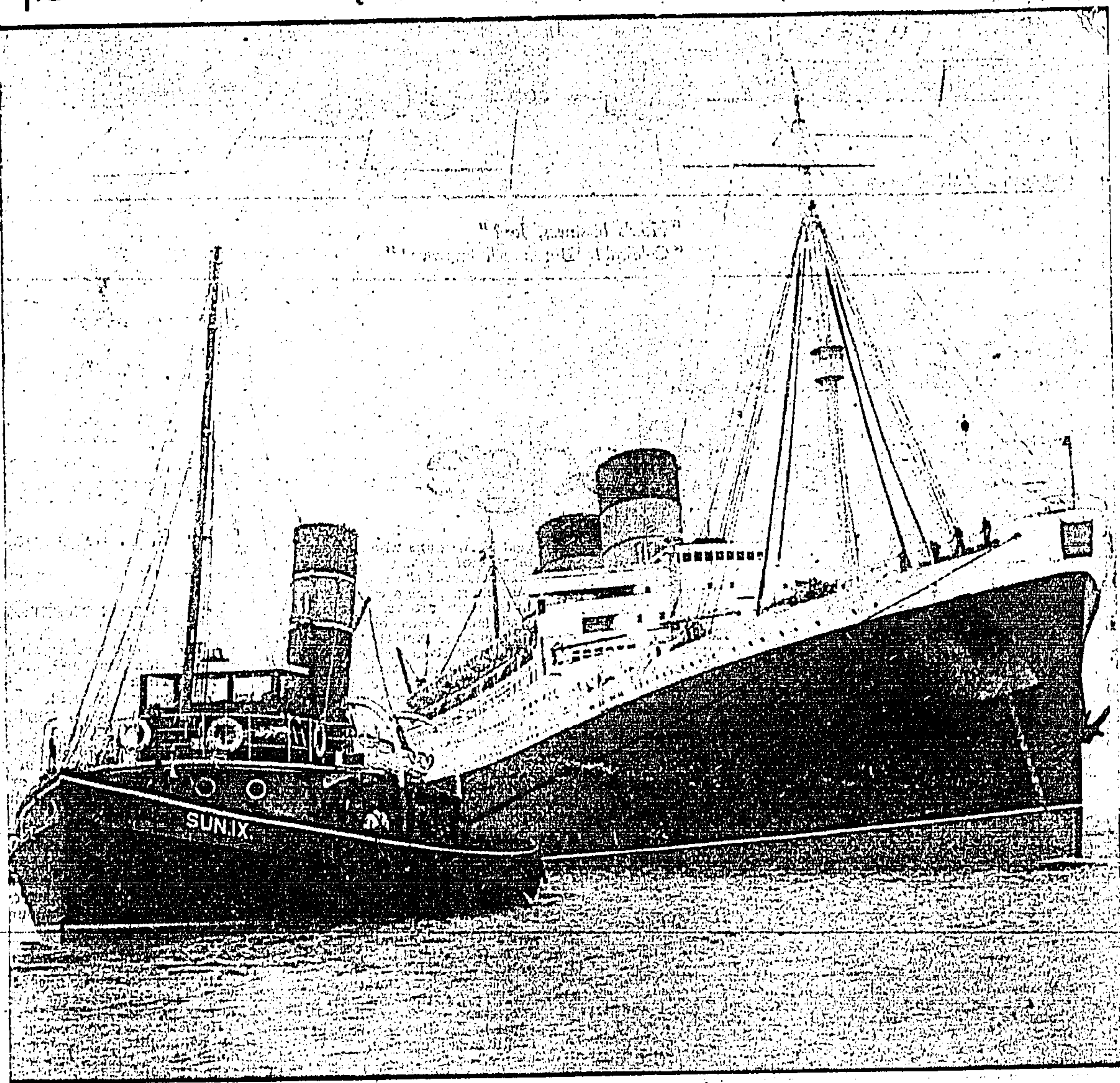
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PIANO WAS POISON TO THIS MUSICIAN

ARNOLD DOLMETSCH is dead—but his work will go on.

His family will continue to hold the annual music festivals at Haslemere in Surrey, which have become famous all over the world.

"It will be the best sort of memorial to him," one of the family said. Dolmetsch, who died a few days after his 82nd birthday, did not like the world. So he refused to live in it all his life.

Terror And Delight
He was an intolerant man, the terror and delight of his very big family. At Haslemere, where they all lived, he created his own world—a world of quiet and beauty, fine craftsmanship in his workshops and French herbs growing in his front garden.

His house was a mixture of museum, workman's bench, and homely cottage; ancient musical instruments, new ones being made, a little old man like a Rembrandt self-portrait barking prejudices at you between mouthfuls.

Arnold Dolmetsch's self-created job

in life was the rescue from neglect of sixteenth and seventeenth century and earlier music and the instruments on which this music was originally played.

He taught his family to make the instruments as well as play them. From his workshops at Haslemere have come harpsichords, virginals, lutes, viols and recorders which are as lovely to look at as to hear.

Piano Was Poison

Music of any later age he barely tolerated. The piano he hated—"the beastliest instrument the world has ever sneered from," he once said, and to many more besides.

It was his own life-long inability to be idle which caused his death. He broke a blood-vessel by exerting himself too soon after a long illness, and then caught flu.

Two days before the end he was playing the violin sitting up in bed.

MODERN SANDERS RULED 10,000

KIMBERLEY. IN one of the small hotels of Kimberley to-day, I talked with Ex-Sergeant Brittz, real-life "Sanders of the River," and learned from him for ten years he ruled alone over 10,000 natives in Caprivi-Zipfel, the tongue of once German South-West Africa which stretches for nearly 200 miles from the Okavango River to the Zambesi.

Brittz is spending a few days in the diamond city—his home town—before going on long leave.

After that he is to take over an administrative post in the Native Affairs Department—the Union Government's reward for his ten years' service.

"It was in 1920 that I set off, with my wife and three children, from police headquarters in Windhoek," he said.

"After a difficult journey through the Caprivi Swamps, I took over my station—a few mud-walled, thatched huts, on the banks of the upper Zambesi, about 100 miles above Livingstone.

"With no white man for many miles around, I had to evolve my own system of government.

"I trained nine fairly intelligent natives to act as policemen, and with their aid I enforced my rough and ready code of justice.

Hippo Quota Crime

"My most difficult case was that of a chief's son who was summoned for trial charged with killing more than the tribe's quota of hippos.

He stayed in his kraal, refusing to obey the summons.

"I needed all my courage to walk, with two police boys, right into the man's village, and take him from among his tribes.

Told Detective: "I Was Not Going To Give My Husband Away—You Wouldn't"

Deserter She Hid For Two Months Was Found in False Roof

FOR over two months police searched for a deserter from the Royal Engineers. Several times they visited his house. Each time his wife said he was not there and she did not know where he was. Then he was discovered hiding in the false roof of his home.

To the detective who found him the wife said: "I was not going to give my husband away—you wouldn't."

The story was told at Lincoln police court when the wife, Elsie Tollerion, of Westwick Gardens, Lincoln, was summoned for aiding Sapper Tollerion to conceal himself, The Trap Door That Would Not Open

Police visits to the Tollerions' home were described by Mr. L. C. Ryedale (prosecutor). Eventually, he said, Detective-Sergeant Needham asked Mrs. Tollerion if she would let him search the house.

She agreed, but requested him to wait while she dressed the baby. She then admitted him. The detective searched the rooms, but found no clue. He tried to get into the false roof, but could not; someone was standing on the trap-door.

When he did climb to the false roof he found Sapper Tollerion hiding behind a beam in the eaves.

She Kept Him To Get Well

Mrs. Tollerion told the magistrates that her husband was not well when

Leave Saved Him Twice

NORMAN PARSONS' father went down in the Titanic in 1912. But Norman Parsons still wanted to follow the sea.

He joined the R.N.V.R. He was posted to the minesweeper Argonite. She struck a mine and sank.

he came home, so she kept him there. When he got better she wanted him to give himself up but he would not do so.

The chairman said that as Mrs. Tollerion did not seem to realise the seriousness of the offence, she would be dealt with leniently.

She was bound over for 12 months and ordered to pay 10s. costs.

[Sapper Tollerion had previously been before the Court and handed over to a military escort.]

But he was on leave. Then he was posted to the minesweeper Argonite. She struck a mine and sank. His home is in Wilton Road, Southampton.

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Leg Broken, Crawled To Save Messmates

A MAN with a broken leg dragged himself along the deck of the sinking destroyer Grenville and saved the lives of many of her crew struggling in the water.

He crawled twenty feet to turn the safety switch controlling the depth-charge apparatus.

Able Seaman W. Pitt, one of the destroyer's 118 survivors, said: "The charges might have exploded. They would have killed many of us."

"I don't know the man's name. He was a seaman."

"After he had turned on the safety switch he slid over the side into the water."

"He was picked up almost immediately."

"It thrilled us to see him going along the deck. We knew what his bravery and quick thinking meant."

Pitt, who is nineteen, and lives in Pretoria-road, Eastleigh, Dumfriesshire, was swept overboard by a wave, and foundered in the sea for twenty-five minutes before he was picked up.

Eight men in the Grenville were killed when she was mined or torpedoed, and seventy-three are missing.

Died On Duty
—In 1914-18

MEN excavating in the garden of a house far from the British lines in France found the skeleton of a man several feet from the surface.

Attached to the skeleton was a British identity disc bearing the name and unit of a man who was posted as "missing" in the last war.

No one can tell how this soldier of the last war died for his country, but it is thought that he was killed by a shell which caused a trench to collapse on him as he stood at his post.

Find One A Week

The British War Graves Commission will take charge of the skeleton and inter it with the honours due to a brave man. Relatives will be notified as soon as identification is complete.

It is not unusual for bodies to be found in France even now, twenty-two years after the war ended. On an average more than one a week is reported to the War Graves Commission, which has a permanent staff here.

We were swimming, it was cold, then we heard

THE NEXT DANCE NUMBER

will be "Franklin D. Roosevelt Jones," and we

LAUGHED

AS the destroyer Grenville was slipping under the waves men swimming in the sea heard her radio still working. An announcer's voice said bravely: "The next dance number will be 'Franklin D. Roosevelt Jones.'"

Survivor Jimmy Boyle, of Springburn, Glasgow, told about it in a Glasgow dance hall. He said: "We all heard it, and we laughed and laughed."

"Our captain was swimming around in the sea, hollering 'Roll out the barrel' at the top of his voice. The whole thing was like a crazy dream."

"I was holding to a spar with three others. We drifted close to the bow of the ship, and saw Sidney Bromfield perched on the porthole."

"He was cock-a-hoop. He shouted: 'How would you like to be up here nice and dry?'"

"When I looked around after chatting to Sidney I found I was on the spar alone. The others just couldn't keep their grip."

"A boat came along. Some one grabbed me by the hair and yanked me out of the sea."

"I'm here jiggerbugging tonight to forget those three boys who let go."

The dance band started. "Pardon me," said Seaman Boyle. "I'm giving my brother's girl friend this dance."

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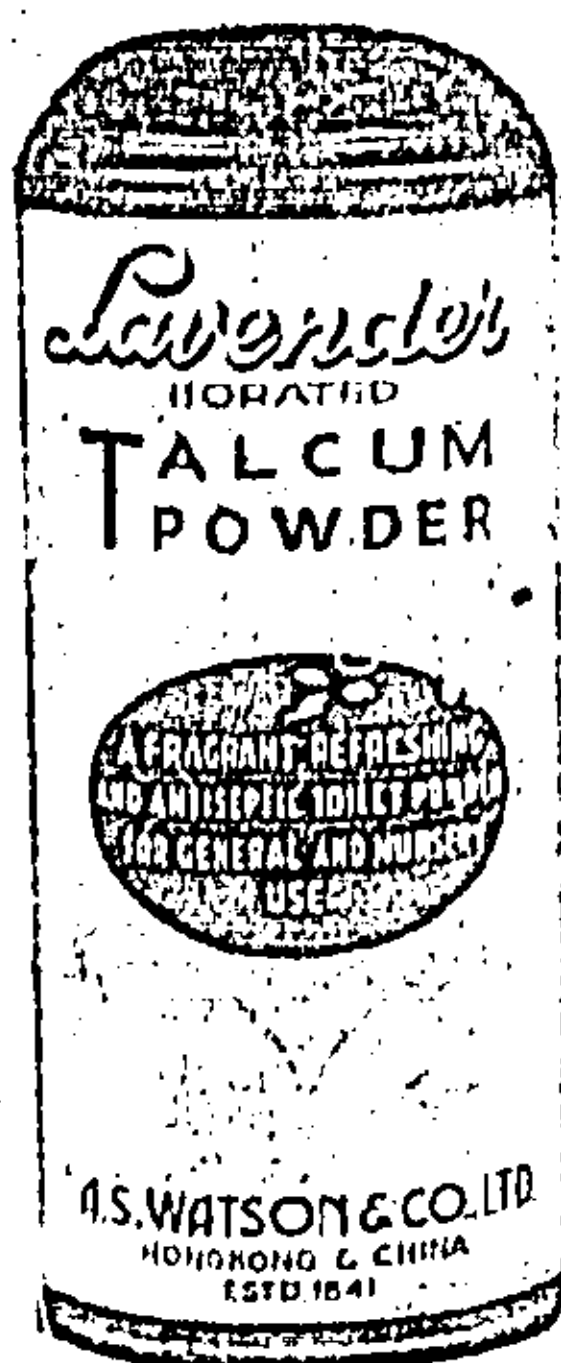
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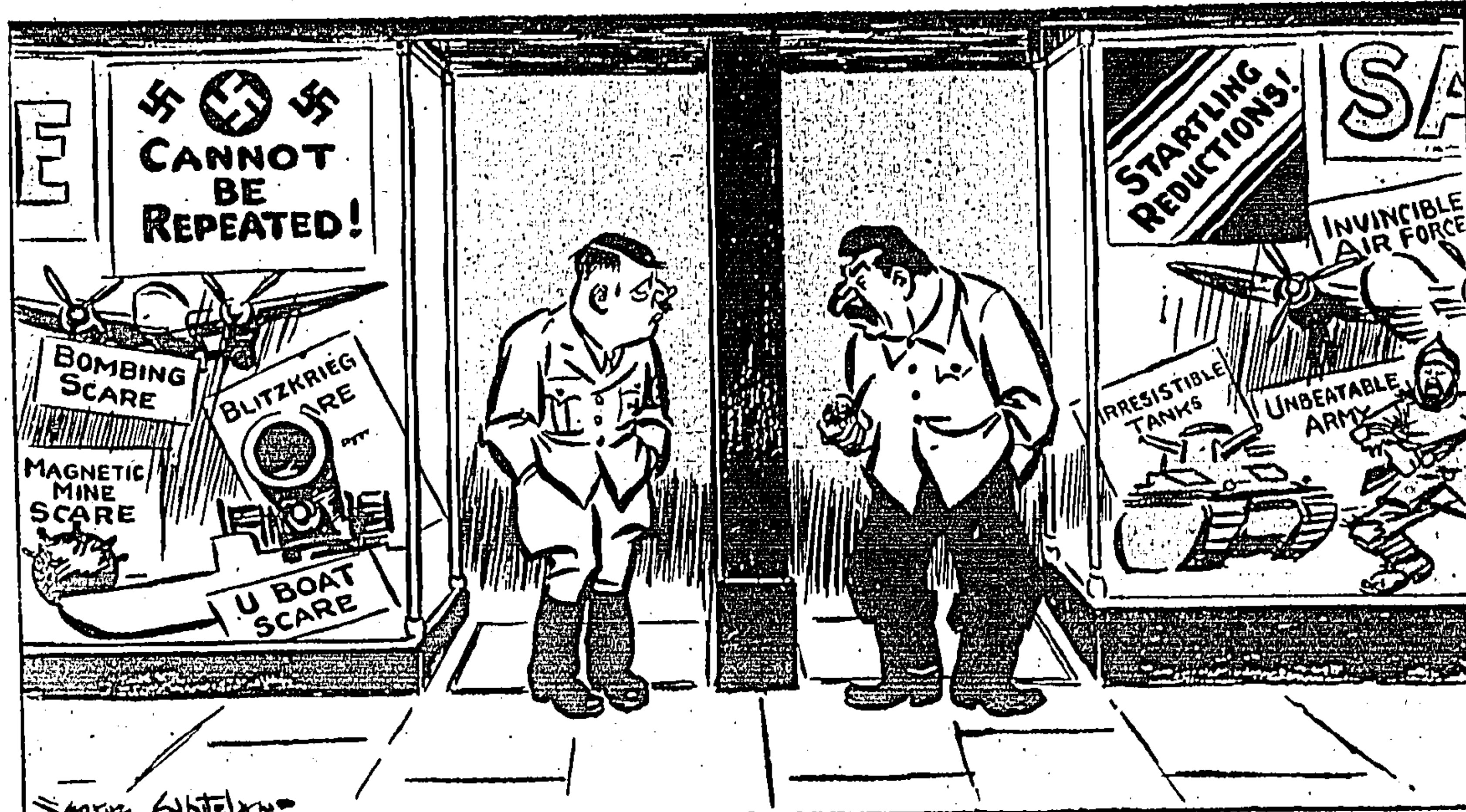
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Three Germanys

Most people outside of Germany,
and no doubt many inside, know
the Nazi officials for what they are,
a horde of blatant careerists who
make a living out of the "cause"
and have made a good thing of it.
They have inherited or taken up
the imperialistic spirit which has
long been a German characteristic,
but they are a different type of
men from those who plunged the
world into war twenty-five years
ago.An Austrian who is now a
refugee in London draws a sharp
line of distinction between the
two. It was the imperialistic
mentality of the ruling classes of
Prussia before 1914, he says,
which was the principal reason
for the outbreak of the Great War.
It is again a ruling minority which
has brought about this second
disaster, but now the prominent
leaders of the Nazi party, as well
as its most ardent adherents,
nearly all belong to the lower
middle-class. There are far too
many middle-class people striving
for the so-called better jobs, and
their envy of this country is partly
due to the opportunities which the
Empire gives to young men of
their class.On the other hand, the German
workmen and peasants care
nothing about Empire-building.
Therefore if war is to be averted
in the future, government must be
placed in the hands of the peace-
loving masses, and the imperialist
minority must be convinced that
they are unfit to govern other
people.Another contributor to this con-
trovery is Dr. Edwin Bevan. He
says that there are not two factors
in Germany, the Nazi Government
and the German people. There
are three factors; first, the ruling
Nazis, who hate freedom and
trample on the weak. They existed
long before the rise of Hitler.
The second element is really
civilised and liberal in feeling and
outlook. If this element came into
control again we might have a
Germany which would be a
friendly and helpful member of a
fellowship of nations.The third element, probably the
bulk of the German people, is a
docile and credulous mass, easily
swayed by the Government in
power. If the Nazi Government
were replaced by a liberal one, the
docile mass might quite well sup-
port it; for one characteristic of
this mass is to be inclined to think
that side right which actually
comes out on top.

"How's business, Joe?"

"Colossal! But it will improve!"

Granddad
gave a pledge
to Sweden

By Ronald Matthews

I HAVE just been reading a
treaty.It is a treaty between
Britain and France on one
hand and Sweden on the other.And by it Britain and France
bind themselves to defend the
integrity of Sweden against
Russia."Should the Russian Govern-
ment," it lays down, "make to the
Swedish Government any demands
aimed at securing... the cession
of any territory belonging to the
Swedish Government the Swedish
Government undertakes to com-
municate such demands immedi-
ately to the British and French
Governments.""The British and French Gov-
ernments, for their part, under-
take to furnish the Swedish Gov-
ernment with naval and military
forces... for the purpose of
resisting the aggression of Rus-
sia."You rub your eyes. Another
Allied guarantee, you may say, and
not the least whisper of it to Par-
liament?Let me relieve you. I read this
treaty, not in the secret archives
of the Foreign Office, but in the
British Museum.And I have permitted myself
three little simplifications in
translating its French text.In the place of "the Swedish
Government" was written "the
King of Sweden and Norway"; in
the place of "the British Govern-
ment," "Her Majesty the Queen of
the United Kingdom"; and in the
place of "the French Govern-
ment" was written "His Majesty
the Emperor of the French."For the Treaty of Stockholm,
drawn up when Victoria was
Queen of England, Napoleon III
Emperor of France, and when
Sweden and Norway were united
under a common crown, was
signed on November 21, 1855.It sounds in our ears, for all
that, with a curious familiarity to-
day. So do even the circum-
stances of its arrangement. For
the trouble that had led the
Swedish king to seek his guaran-
tee in 1855 was trouble on the
border of Finland.Britain and France were allies
then, of course, in the Crimean
war. That did not interest the
King of Sweden so much. His
worries had started with a dispute
over the habits of a migratory
tribe of Laps, who were accus-
tomed to pasture their reindeer
alternately on one side and on the
other of the Norwegian-Finnish
frontier.The Russians, who had annexed
Finland from Sweden in 1809,
complained that the nomads'herds were eating away to devas-
tation the rich moss pastures on
their side of the border. The dis-
cussions, as was even then the
Russian habit, dragged on inter-
minably. There was an additional
question about the right of Rus-
sian fishermen to erect buildings
in a Norwegian port on the Atlan-
tic that made matters yet more
complicated.Then suddenly the Russian
Government cracked down. It an-
nounced that it was going to close
the Finnish-Norwegian frontier.
The King of Sweden and Norway
flew into a panic.He could not believe that the
mere trifling business of the rein-
deer's moss could have led the
Tsar to such a decision. There
must be something more behind it.Russia, which had already had
one bite at the Scandinavian
cherry when she took Finland,
obviously wanted another bite. She
wanted a Norwegian port, in fact.So Oscar I could only turn for aid
to the Western Powers, then
locked in their own struggle with
the colossus of the north.He never had to call on his
guarantors. Equally, the threat
from Russia which Sweden and
Norway fear to-day may never
materialise. But it is no new threat
to the northern peoples.Still, in the beginnings of this
century, you could talk to intelli-gent Norwegians who spoke of the
menace of Russian imperialism.History, till the common people
take charge, has a way of running
in the same grooves of nationalist
tradition. Forms of government
may change, but the same mag-
netic objectives continue to exer-
cise the same drawing power.And from the beginnings of
Russia's emergence as a modern
State, her imperialism had always
clashed with the now long dead
imperialism of the Crown of
Sweden.Their first war broke out as long
ago as the end of the fifteenth cen-
tury, its bone of contention the
Swedish Empire on the eastern
shore of the Baltic sea. The
struggle raged at intervals through
the sixteenth, when a Swedish
ruler was king for a while of
Poland, and all but succeeded to
the Tsars' throne, too.It continued in the seventeenth,
when Gustavus Adolphus, "The
Lion of Midnight," annexed the
ground on which Leningrad now
stands. For Sweden then was a
great Power, the champion of the
Protestant cause in Europe, the
equal in prestige of any of the
Continental kingdoms.It flickered down in the eight-
teenth after Charles XII of
Sweden, his march on Moscow
turned back, was ruinously
defeated in the Ukraine.And then the Russian tide—the
tide of a Russia crammed into arti-
ficial adolescence by Peter the
Great—began to flow west.It is still flowing, apparently, to-
day. The historic pattern seems on
the point of repetition.For the dreary age-old patterns
of national enmities and racial
struggle, will continue to repeat
themselves on the web of time
until democracy rules in every
land.The story
of Mr.
Hymack

by P. L. Mannock

QUINTON MCPHERSON

has died.

Does that mean any-

thing to you?

No? Then

Mr. Hymack is dead.

Does that mean anything,

either?

If the answer again is "No,"

you are either young, or you

have a short memory, or an

important part of your educa-

tion was neglected.

For, 20 years ago, Mr. Hymack

was famous on the music halls.

and Mr. Hymack's real name

was Quinton McPherson. Under

that name his death, aged 69,

in Clapham, is now announced

by a theatrical paper.

Mr. Hymack's was one of the

most original acts ever seen in

variety. I saw it often.

He never spoke, danced or sang.

As he strolled about the stage,

doing casual things, the weirdest

changes would suddenly happen to

his ratty clothes.

His blue waistcoat would go

yellow. His spats would turn from

black to pink. On his topper a

vivid green hatband would flash

into being. His hands, withdrawn

from his pockets, would be in

scarlet gloves. The handkerchief

and cuffs, all figured in these in-

stantaneous magical transforma-

tions, at which he seemed as

bewildered as the audience.

How was it done? Some elaborate

system of invisible threads and

springs, the secret of which was

known only to himself and his

wife. She it was who prepared

everything before he went on. It

took her over an hour every time.

Nothing ever went wrong.

One day she died.

"Mr. Hymack," as an act, ended

there and then. Grief-stricken,

and robbed of his indispensable

help, he lost heart. He vowed no

one else would take her place.

Nobody ever did.

Work grew scantier. Ill-luck

pursued him to the end of his days.

Many months ago I met him play-

ing an "extra" part for a day in

a Jessie Matthews' film on location

up the Thames.

Now and again there would come

a burst of comparative prosperity

—some weeks on tour or a series of

film-studio "calls."

From time to time, friends would

urge him to revive the act — the

Chameleon Comedian, as it used

to be billed.

He always refused.

Now he is dead—forgotten by so

many of those he amused and

mystified, and less than a name to

the new generation.

He was one of the last, and cer-

tainly the most unusual, of the

"quick-change" artists, followers

of Fregoli, Ugo Blonchi and R. A.

Robertis.

Does anyone know his secret

even to-day? Did he ever discov-

er his methods, even after he had dis-

carded them? I wonder.

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

SHANGHAI COUNCIL

Change In Procedure Of Election

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

A possible forecast of a split election for the Shanghai Municipal Council on April 10 and 11 is seen in a report of the Japanese daily *Shanghai Mainichi* which states that several requests by the Japanese representatives have been granted by the Shanghai Municipal Council, according to the *Shanghai Times*.

The requests reported to have been granted by the Municipal Council include Japanese watchers at the polling booths and Japanese "coaches" at each poll. Japanese representatives will be permitted to sign ballots in Japanese and the names of Japanese candidates will be printed in the ballots in Japanese.

Efforts to confirm in Municipal Council circles this report in the Japanese daily have been unsuccessful, but it is understood that certain changes in election procedure were agreed to by the Municipal Council officials, the *Shanghai Times* says.

Although the Japanese have not indicated whether they will attempt to increase Japanese representation on the Council in the coming year, there is a belief that additional representation will be sought because of the increased Japanese population within the jurisdiction of the Municipal Council, the paper further says. No names of the Japanese candidates have been announced, but it is taken for granted that an attempt to secure a third seat in the Municipal Council will be made next month.—*Reuter*.

Concessions Return

"Asahi Shimbun" Approves Muto's Statement

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

The *Asahi Shimbun* to-day approved Major-Gen Akira Muto's statement in the Lower House on Friday declaring that Japan would take "appropriate steps" in the event of third Powers failing to follow Japan's intended surrender of Concessions in China.

The paper says that the Government should extend vigorous assistance to the new Chinese regime when it launches abolition of unilateral treaties including the restituting of foreign Concessions. It urges the Wang Ching-wei Government to pay special attention to the Tientsin concessions since peace and order are quickly returning to North China.

Foreign settlements and concessions in China represent the existence of unequal relations between China and foreign nations and as long as they exist in the vital areas, the independence or new order in China could not be hoped for, according to the paper.

It says that although the restitution of many Settlements and Concessions would require consideration of time and other conditions, the matter should be settled with boldness from a political point of view, discarding problems with regard to individual settlement or concession. The present time calls for such disinterested and bold decision.—*United Press*.

Would Have Intervened

Berlin, Mar. 25.

It is officially admitted that Germany would have intervened if Allied troops had been landed in Sweden.

The German News Agency states that Germany left no doubt that the transport of British and French troops across Norway and Sweden and intervention by these countries in accordance with British demands would have been the first act of widening the theatre of war which would have been a threat to Germany from the north. Germany was determined to react to such an event.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Defences in Sweden

Stockholm, Mar. 25.

The Swedish Defence Minister stated to-day that whether or not Sweden joined in a defensive alliance with the Scandinavian countries she must increase her defences. Sweden would be able to force her air force in the next two years, while the navy would be enlarged as quickly as warships could be purchased. Aerodromes and coastal fortresses would be built.

Since the war Sweden had spent an additional \$41,000,000 on national defences, and reservists had been given more training.

The Defence Minister gave a warning to Communists in Sweden that Communism would be wiped out by democratic means.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Giving Nazis A Lot of Trouble

LONDON, Mar. 25 (*Reuter Bulletin*).—A 70-year-old Jew in Poland is causing the German authorities much embarrassment. He is a Latvian subject but the Nazis hesitate to give him a visa to return to his country for fear of jokes abroad. His name is Adolf Hitler.

Another story from Germany states that the latest black-out crime is the loss of a 7-cwt steam roller. Marshal Goering's paper "National Zeitung" says: "Nothing is safe nowadays in Germany."

Independence Day In Greece

ATHENS, Mar. 25 (*Reuter*).—National Independence Day was celebrated in Greece yesterday. King George attended in military review in the company of General Metaxas, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, War, Marine and Air, and other high Government officials.

Leading articles in the Greek press emphasise the country's desire for independence and her desire to live at peace with all the world within the ambit of the Balkan Entente.

I.L.P. PLANS WAR PROGRAMME

LONDON, Mar. 25 (*Reuter*).—Plans for a war programme were taken up by the Independent Labour Party at its annual conference yesterday.

The Party decided that the working class movement should be maintained. It demanded no political truce with Government and no industrial truce with employers.

It opposed all emergency powers of the Government restricting the liberty of working class organisations and free speech.

BALKANS' DANGER

FROM PAGE ONE

by determination and force to stand up against aggression. A large Allied force is ready in the Eastern Mediterranean to meet whatever is needed of it.

The "Daily Mail" complains that we have let German lies win a victory over the Syllt. It is imperative that we be prepared at any hour of day or night to counter the enemy's lies. The paper feels that the War Cabinet itself should deal with this matter at once.

NEW ZEALAND'S PREMIER

FROM PAGE ONE

one of the survivors of the wreck of the Union liner *Wairarapa* on Great Barrier Island many years ago for all those years without a common bond being established," said Mr. Savage on the day he was invited to form his own party. "I should feel lost without the companionship of such friends."

A bachelor, Mr. Savage then announced that he was arranging "for the good people who have looked after me" to join him in Wellington.

Startling Effect Of Aurora Borealis

LONDON, Mar. 25 (*Reuter*).—A violent electrical disturbance involving a sun spot aurora borealis resulted in the break down of communications with the United States on Sunday.

The trans-Atlantic shortwave telephone was out of action for over 12 hours. The damage to telegraph land-lines resulted in about a million Easter messages being held up.

Japanese Taxes Increased

TOKYO, Mar. 25 (*Reuter*).—The Taxation Reform Bill, by which the Japanese Government aims at increasing the revenue from taxation by 500,000,000 yen annually was passed into law when the House of Peers adopted the Bill as amended by the Lower House.

The Finance Minister described the reform plan as "unprecedented in the history of its scope in the annals of taxation in Japan."

Lord Tweedsmuir's Bequest Of Books

LONDON, Mar. 25 (*Reuter*).—The will of the late Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, was published to-day. It makes only one bequest of a public nature.

Lord Tweedsmuir directed his trustees to hand over to the National Library in Scotland all the books in his library dealing with the Marquis of Monro which the National Library may desire.

Bomb Explodes In Gambling House

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, March 25 (UP).—A time bomb hidden under the main gambling table in the Yu Xuen gambling house, just off the International Settlement, went off at 10 o'clock to-night. Five men and two women were seriously injured by the explosion.

Norway Protests To Great Britain Warships Allegedly In Territorial Waters

Norway has protested to Britain at the alleged violation of Norwegian territorial waters by British warships seeking German ships. According to the announcement from Oslo, three incidents have taken place in the past four days and on one occasion a Norwegian torpedo boat escorted a German merchantman in defiance of British destroyers.

Oslo, Mar. 24. The Norwegian Government to-day issued a communique stating that British warships attempted to intercept German ships off Norway three times in the last four days.

It says that during the interceptions the Norwegian destroyers ordered the British ships to leave Norwegian waters and that the Norwegian Legation in London has been instructed to file a protest with the British Government against the violations.

According to the communique, on one occasion a Norwegian torpedo boat escorted a German merchantman, defying British destroyers.

Hustadviken Incident

Oslo, Mar. 25. A statement by the Norwegian Admiralty says that a German trawler at Hustadviken reported on Thursday that she was threatened by a British destroyer.

A cargo boat was being escorted by a Norwegian torpedo boat across Hustadviken when a British destroyer signalled asking the name of the German steamer. The Norwegian torpedo boat obtained withdrawal of the destroyer from Norwegian territorial waters.

On Friday, the statement continues, a British destroyer tried to stop a German ship near Obvested. The case is being investigated by the Norwegian authorities.—*Reuter*.

From Danish Port

Copenhagen, Mar. 25. The Edmund Hugo Stines was reportedly en route from a Danish harbour when stopped by two submarines. They fired warning shots but the steamer did not stop until the fourth shell penetrated the ship, wounding the second officer and a steward. British sailors immediately boarded the steamer and made the captain prisoner. They gave the crew 15 minutes to leave and then sank the ship.—*Reuter*.

War Office Claim

Paris, Mar. 25. The War Office spokesman claimed to-day that Allied warships challenged today two German steamships off the Danish coast. One of the steamers was scuttled and the other was sunk. It is not clear if one of the German steamers was the *Hedderheim* which was torpedoed by a British submarine last week.—*United Press*.

Ships Not In Convoy

Copenhagen, Mar. 24. The Danish Foreign Office denies the Official German News Agency report that the six Danish ships recently sunk by U-Boats and planes were travelling in a convoy when they were attacked.—*United Press*.

New German Weapon

LONDON, Mar. 25. Admiralty experts are examining a new type of German torpedo which was washed ashore near Bridlington. It is 12 feet long and is believed to have been dropped by a German hydroplane on Saturday. It is thought that the torpedo has a double life, that is, it does not strike a target when dropped it becomes a kind of mine.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Trawler Sunk

LONDON, Mar. 25. The Admiralty announces that the British trawler *Loch Assaiger* has been sunk by a mine. All the crew have been saved.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

EASTER CRICKET WASHED-OUT

had taken an hour and a half to score a hundred for four wickets.

After

At the time of sending these notes in there appears no chance of cricket to-day (Saturday morning). But I should mention that we went into committee over the point I raised in the last paragraph while refreshing the inner man after the game. There is nothing in the rules—not even the statement that the runner must be dressed as the batsman for whom he runs i.e. pads, gloves etc. But this is always done, now at any rate, and I rather think my first point is a matter of etiquette.

It stands to reason that it is a sound proposition in the case of men who are capable of making hundreds and then being wanted to send down or twenty overs. A bit of wangling would be very useful though of course it would hardly ever happen.

BRITISH SEIZE TURKISH SHIP

British warships to-day seized the Turkish steamer *Sakarya* (2,012 tons) and took it to Beyrouth on the grounds that it had taken 2,000 Jews from Constantinople, Rumania, and landed them clandestinely in Palestine. The Turkish Government says they are making representations to the British Government for the release of the steamer.—*United Press*.

German Claims In Sylt Raid

BERLIN, Mar. 25 (*Reuter*).—The claim that six British planes were shot down in the raid over Sylt on the night of March 19 is made in a war commentary issued to-day by the German News Agency, which says that during the last few days bodies and wreckage from further British planes have been washed up on the northern islands.

Careful investigation has shown that the wreckage belongs to at least three other planes, which added to the three reported with certainty as having been shot down, makes six.

Sir Kingsley Wood, Air Minister, stated in the House of Commons on Wednesday that with one exception all the aircraft taking part in the Sylt attack returned safely to their bases.

JAPANESE REFORM

Taxation Bills Pass Diet Assembly

Tokyo, Mar. 25. Thirty-seven Bills relating to taxation reform which have been referred by the House of Representatives with amendments were passed by a majority vote by the House of Peers this morning.

Baron Yoshio Sakurai, Koseikai, asked the Finance Minister's view on the method of covering the deficit of about Yen 62,000,000 caused by the amendments.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Sakuruchi, said that the Government would do its utmost to economise. The Government would not fail to act up to its pledges given in the Diet.

Appeal To People

The Finance Minister to-day issued an appeal to the people for perseverance and co-operation. He pointed out that the present reform should attain the four objects of equalising the burden, harmonising economic life, increasing revenue and simplifying taxation. Describing the reform as the most ambitious attempt in the history of Japan's taxation, Mr. Sakuruchi said that its execution would result in considerable increases in the burden on the people.

The "Holy Campaign"

A four-point resolution urging complete attainment of the objective of the China Campaign was adopted by a group of M.P.'s representing various political parties who today formed themselves into a "League of M.P.'s for the Complete Execution of the Holy Campaign."

The resolution urges: That, in the disposal of the China Affair, the Kenyo Statement, as setting forth the immutable principles of Japan's policy, be upheld and effectuated. That Japan firmly adhere to her independent foreign policy and co-operate with those third Powers which approve the construction of a new order in East Asia and take a stern attitude against hostile Powers. That the liberalistic economic system based on profit making be renounced so as to elevate the efficiency of the entire national resources and a new economic system be established for the object of enabling the co-operation of the whole nation.

That the significance of the "Holy Campaign" be enunciated, the national spirit be enhanced, and all schools of treacherous thought such as Communism, Liberalism and pragmatism be denounced.

The "League of M.P.'s" comprises 100 representatives of the Minseitō, the Seiyūkai, the Jikyoku Doshikai, the Social Mass Party and other groups.—*Domel*.

Plans In Hand

Tokyo, Mar. 25. Following approval by the Diet during the current session, the Government will start promulgation and enforcement of new regulations governing the sweeping reform of taxation in the Central and local governments on April 1. Formulation of the taxation reform plans was started in April, 1939, by the then Finance Minister, Mr. Sotaro Ishiwata, following conclusion of the 74th Session of the Diet.

The reform plan for national taxes was studied by Mr. Kazuo Aoki, the Finance Minister in the Abe Cabinet, before it was finally completed by Mr. Yukio Sakuruchi, the present Finance Minister.

Plans for reforming local taxes have been prepared by Marquis Kichiji Kido, the Home Minister in the Hiranuma Cabinet, and Mr. Naoshi Ohara, the Home Minister in the Abe Cabinet before it was finally completed by Count Hideo Kodama, the present Home Minister.

The final plans have been discussed over 20 times by the Taxation Inquiry Commission. They have been passed by the Diet during the current session with amendments.—*Domel*.

Extend Diet Session

Tokyo, Mar. 25. With only one day remaining before the termination of the current Diet Session, it is understood that all Bills excepting two on gas charcoal and leprosy, will be rushed through both Houses to-day and to-morrow.

The House of Peers to-day passed taxation reform Bills while other pending Bills, including the second supplementary budget for the 1940-41 fiscal year, the coal supply control Bill and the National Eugenic Bill will be passed by the Upper House by to-morrow.

The House of Representatives is also expected to finish all outstanding measures including the Physical Strength Bill by to-morrow. It is believed that having been prolonged by two days beginning to-day, the Diet Session, will not be extended again but come to a close on Tuesday.—*Domel*.

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50 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1890. The long-predicted fuel famine in the British Isles is again postponed by the discovery of coal deposits at the foot of Shakespeare's cliff at Dover.

In the Ontario Legislature Premier Howland introduced a bill extending to Jews in the province all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other religious organizations.

Young Abraham Lincoln died at a late hour to-night.

Statistics published in Berlin show the military expenditure of the great Powers during the past three years. France spent 5,082,000,000 marks, Russia 3,254,000,000 marks, Great Britain 2,475,000,000 marks, Germany 2,430,000,000 marks, Austria-Hungary 1,462,000,000 marks, and Italy 1,254,000,000 marks.

The "Neues-Zeitung" in an article on the United States dwells upon the grandeur and power of the new American navy soon to be created, characterizing it as the second in power in the world. The paper also declares that the new navy will be superior to that of France, and that with the two allied England's navy could be easily annihilated. It prophesies that when the time comes for action, if it ever does, Congress will enthusiastically abandon the Monroe doctrine.

25 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1915. A Paris communique states:—The enemy bombed Rheims and a German aviator dropped bombs on the city, hitting three civilians.

10 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1930. After to-day, the reason for designating Wyndham Street by the alternative name of Flower Street will disappear, for the flower-sellers who have had their stands at the foot of this thoroughfare for at least fifty years will to-night move into On Lan Street, which is situated a little further up the slope, on the left-hand side going upwards.

The move is necessitated by work having commenced on the demolition of Yee San Fat Building, which is to make way for a fine modern structure in which a new cinema will be housed. (The present King's Theatre.—Ed.)

Strong protests were made in Hankow at the annual Barminey Meeting against the continued illegal occupation of British property by the Chinese authorities.

5 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1935. France and Italy are demanding a certain amount of military superiority over Germany and they have given to Sir John Simon, the British Foreign Minister, their minimum requirements on security matters.

Sir John is at present in Berlin and will discuss with Herr Hitler the whole European situation, with a view to securing Germany's assurance that peace will not be threatened and that she will return to the League of Nations.

French and Italian demands have been passed on to the British Foreign Minister, through Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Privy Seal, who attended a conference of the former Allies in Paris and they hurried on to the Berlin conferences.

It is learned that the Polish Ambassador made a verbal démarche to Baron von Neurath, the Reichsminister for Foreign Affairs, and conveyed to him Poland's views upon the situation arising out of Germany's new conscription laws.

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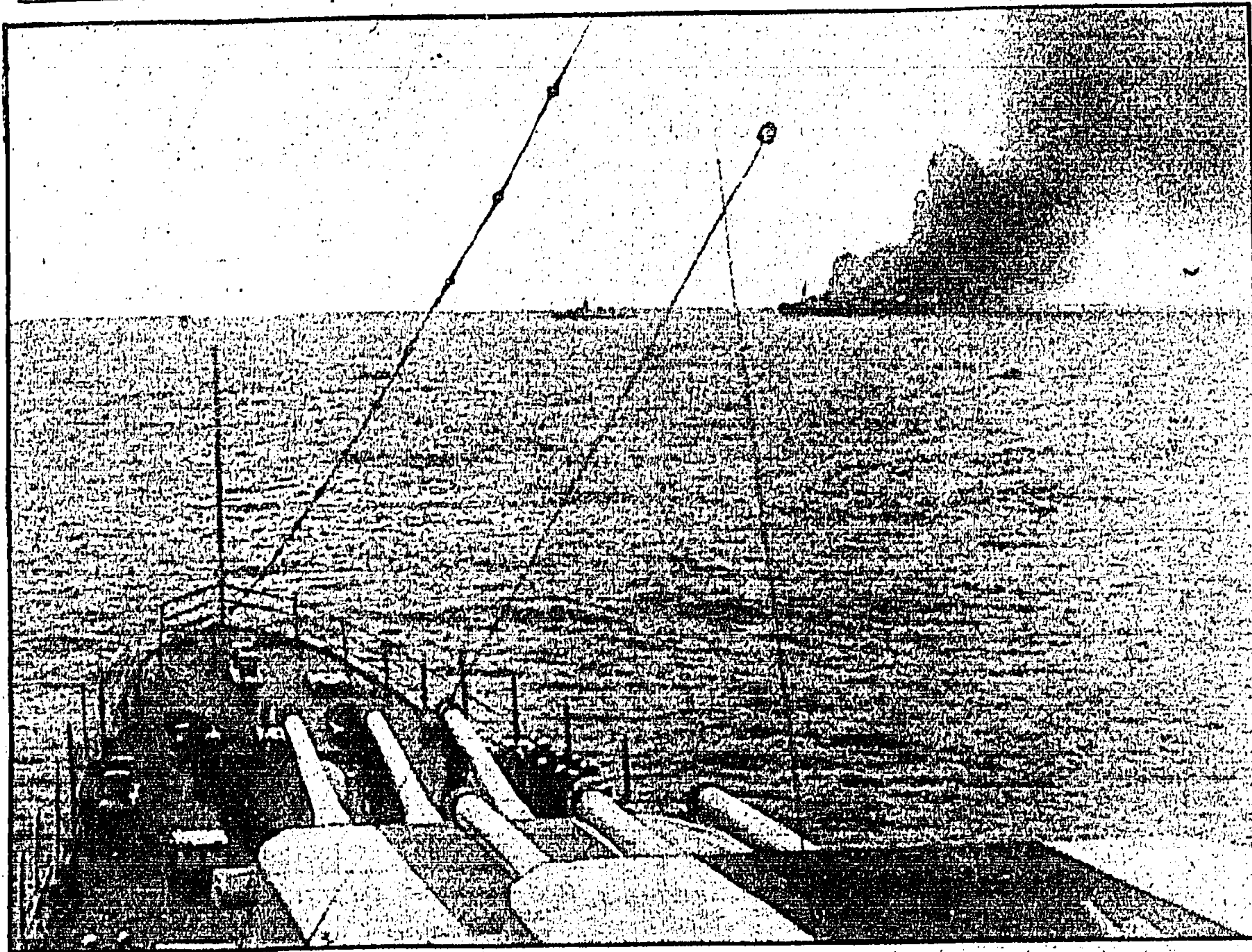
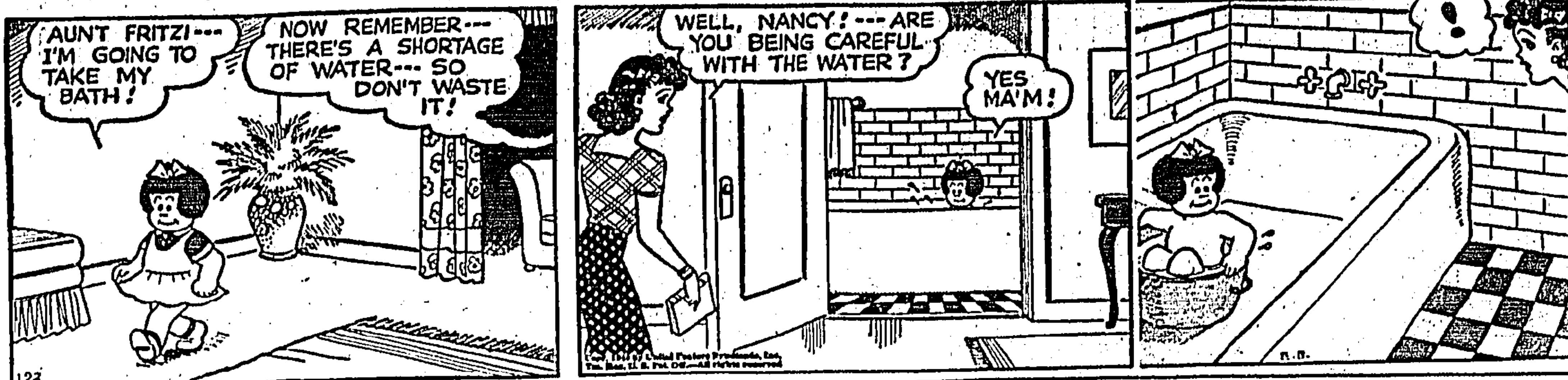
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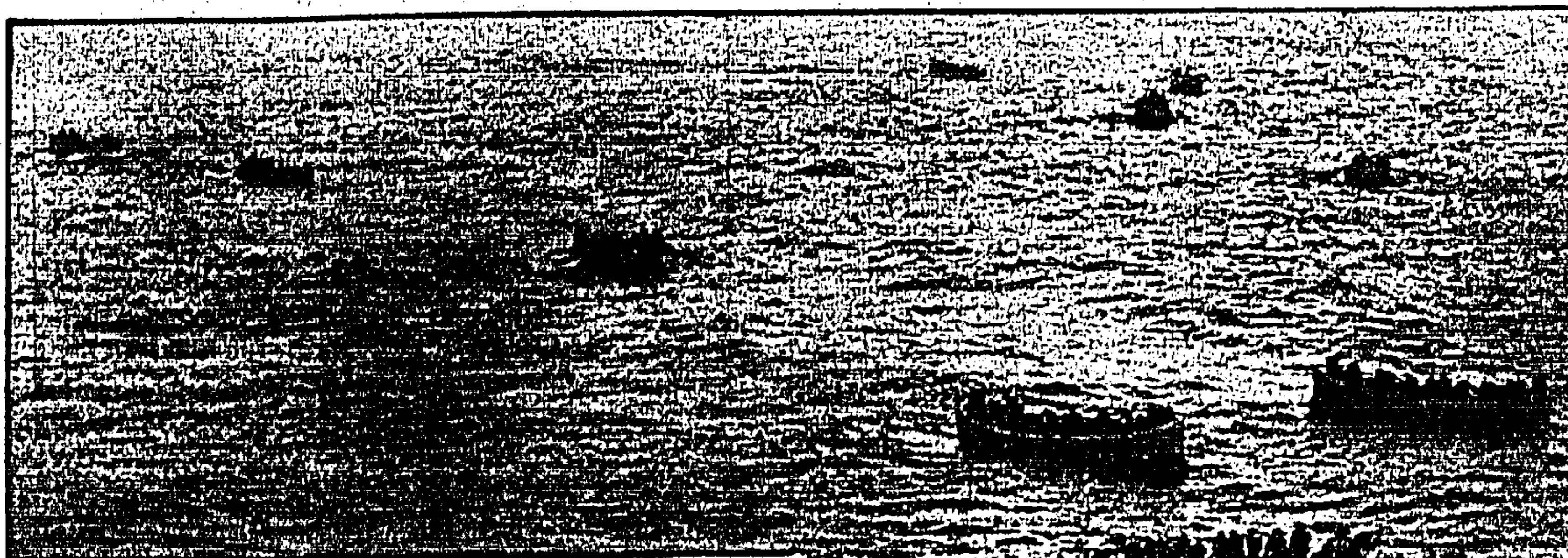
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ELECTRIC CURE FOR INSANITY

ELECTRIC shock, applied to the brain, has been demonstrated by two independent groups of British doctors as a method of curing mental disorder.

By coincidence, both the "British Medical Journal" and "The Lancet" carry accounts of this dramatic new process of healing minds. One comes from the Burden Neurological Institute and the other from Warlingham Park Hospital.

The methods are similar. Electrodes are clamped to the skull. These are pads, through which, the electric charge is transmitted into the brain. High tension voltage, varying from 80 to 160 volts according to the pre-determined needs of the patient, is applied.

The shock produces a convulsion. The patient becomes unconscious. He recovers within a few minutes, with no memory of the shock or of the preliminaries. Where higher voltages are necessary the effect of an epileptic fit is produced.

Both groups of research-workers have found that the method is safe, without ill-effects afterwards. The Daladier's one in 234, and Prime Minister Chamberlain's one in 240.

Hitler Has Lead In The "T" Output

SYRACUSE, N.Y.—Adolf Hitler refers to himself once in every 53 words in a public address, while Benito Mussolini uses the pronoun "I" once in 83 words.

Pearl Waxman, Syracuse University student, reported these findings in a survey as part of her speech studies.

President Roosevelt ranks third, she disclosed, with one "I" in every 100 words. Winston Churchill's average was one in 109. Premier Daladier's one in 234, and Prime Minister Chamberlain's one in 240.

HERE are the first pictures of the sinking of the Nazi liner Columbus, scuttled by British warship which had her crew off the United States coast. They were taken from the United States cruiser Tuscaloosa. At the top, the Columbus is seen blazing fiercely just before she sank, while the British warship which had chased her stands by. Below, the Nazi crew rowing in lifeboats to the Tuscaloosa, which took 579 survivors to New York.

British Warships Are So Healthy, Say Doctors

BRITISH warships are healthy places to live in.

According to an article in the current issue of the British Medical Journal, they are models of hygiene.

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Modern ships are built in small vertical compartments. Fresh air is delivered by power to every remote corner. It is changed many times an hour. The ship is air-conditioned: the incoming air is regulated by steam or electric radiators. Near the engines it is cooled. In more exposed parts of the ship it is heated. The cooking galleys are fitted with modern electrical gadgets; kitchens are clean and tiled. Drinking water passes through purifying and icing apparatus. Then there are no rats, but plenty of showers.

AMBULANCE INSPECTION

His Excellency the Governor will inspect the St. John Ambulance at the Naval Recreation Ground, Causeway Bay, on Monday, April 8, at 5.30 p.m.

Parents Reclaim Adopted Basques

TWO people are facing, heartbroken, the fact that they may have to lose their adopted children from Spain.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mayers, of Bampton-drive, Ruislip Manor, Middlesex. Childless themselves, they have been father and mother for two years to two little Basque refugees who were believed to have been orphaned in the Spanish war.

Now they have received news that the real parents are alive and want their children back.

Great Shock

"It has come as a dreadful shock," Mr. Mayers said. "We have grown to love the children so. We have called them Peggy and Molly, and they won't believe their parents are still alive. They came to England when Bilbao was besieged three years ago, and went to a camp in Yorkshire. They wrote four times to their mother, but got no reply. A year later they heard that their parents were dead. We were told of the children's plight and legally adopted them."

May Fight It

"We cannot find out where the parents are and are waiting for more news. I suspect the father is a political prisoner at the moment."

"We do not want to let the children go back as they are very happy here. There may be a legal fight for their guardianship."

Peggy is eight years old and Molly is seven.

This Story Is About A Waitress, A Train And A Prince

TWO Swedish officers in a first-class sleeping car were astonished when a little waitress pushed open their door and said: "Please tell me what to do."

Breathless, she explained that there had been a crowd in the restaurant at the last station. Passengers had so little time for their coffee that many of them left without paying.

So she jumped on the train to collect her money—and the train moved off.

One of the officers, tall, dark, good-looking, sprang up. "I'll help you," he said.

Together they walked down the entire train. The officer woke up passengers in the sleeping cars and collected coffee money from those who owed it.

Afterwards the girl thanked him. "A pleasure," he assured her.

Then somebody on the train told the waitress the name of the helpful officer. He was Prince Gustav Adolf, thirty-six-year-old son of Sweden's Crown Prince.

MISERABLE HOLIDAY Wintry Weather Spoils American Events

New York, Mar. 24. The Easter fashion parade failed to-day as three-quarters of the United States suffered from cold, wind and rain.

Snow in North Carolina and Virginia postponed the second round of the Greensboro open golf tournament until the snow melts.

In the mid-west, the temperature was between 10 and 30 degrees under normal. Warmer conditions prevail in Florida and Louisiana. It is generally rainy and misty in the far-west.—United Press.

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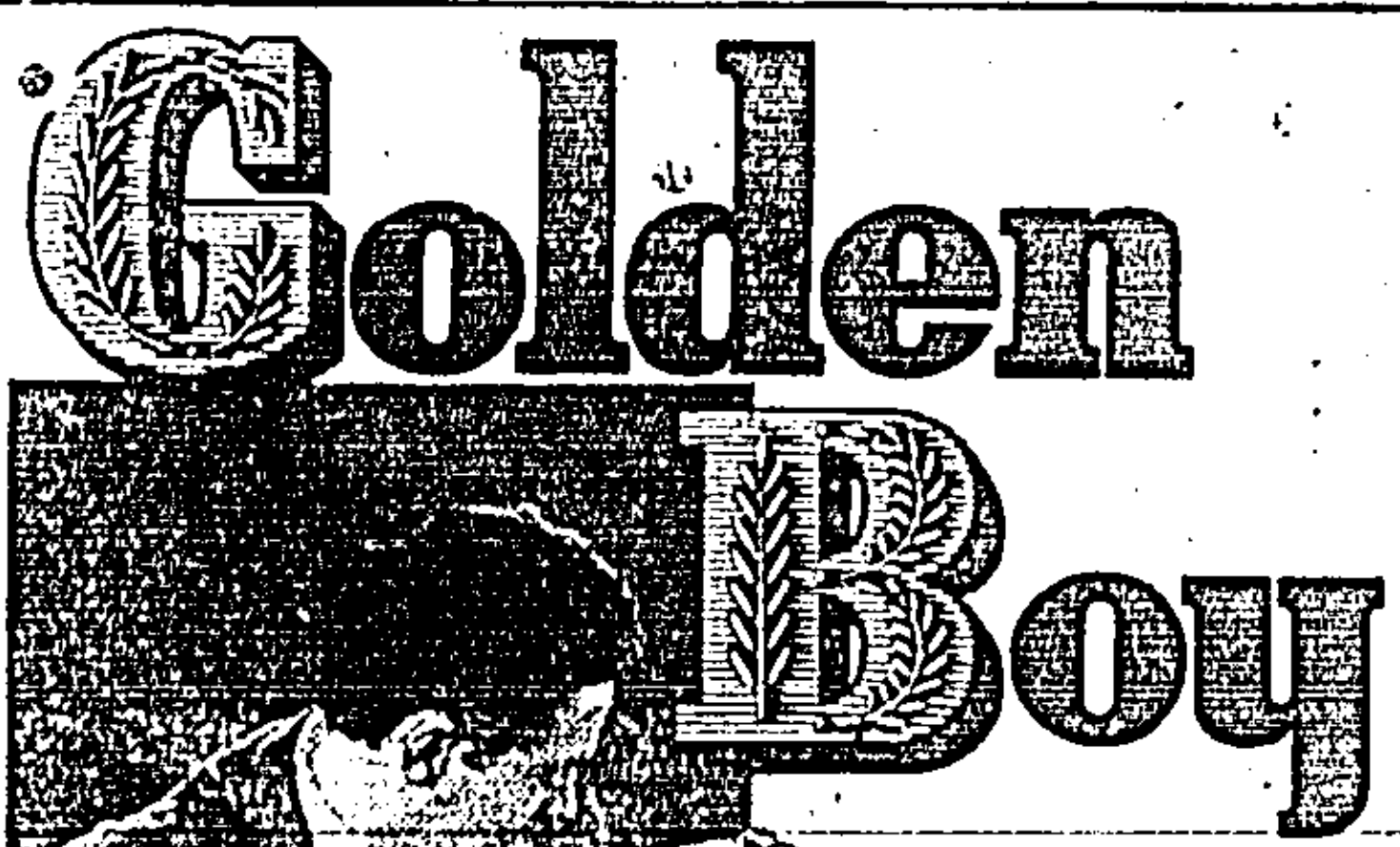
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SYLVIA TO GAG PEACE TALK

MISS SYLVIA PANKHURST, FAMOUS SUFFRAGETTE AND FORMER PACIFIST (SHE WAS FINED DURING THE LAST WAR FOR MAKING ANTI-WAR SPEECHES), IS CONSIDERING THE FORMATION OF A CITIZEN ARMY TO WAGE WAR ON PEACE-MONGERS.

But her army will not be started unless she is first assured of considerable civilian support.

She said: "I believe that the war with Germany is going to be Britain's greatest task."

"At first it seemed that the whole country was united to face the great struggle. Since then considerable disaffection has shown itself."

"I believe that some sort of organisation is urgently required to educate the people on the great issues at stake, and the great struggle we shall have to make to stop the spread of aggression and tyranny."

Recently she advertised her aims anonymously in the personal columns of the national Press, and corresponded with many sympathisers.

Resigned

Until November last she was Vice-President of the London Federation of Peace Councils.

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Court Rules Parliament May Abolish Appeals

OTTAWA.—Canada took a long step toward final independence of its courts—a step toward breaking the remaining link which has bound the judicial system of the Dominion to that of Great Britain.

The Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the Canadian Parliament has the right to abolish appeals to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, in London.

The present system—which makes the Privy Council the court of final appeal in many important Canadian actions—has been the subject of debate for many years. Criminal cases are no longer appealed to London, but constitutional cases have been subject to the review of Westminster.

Abolish All Appeals

At the last session of the Canadian Legislature, a bill was introduced by C. H. Cahan (Conservative) which would abolish all appeals. Its purpose would be to make the Supreme Court of Canada the final authority, just as the Supreme Court of the United States acts south of the border.

One dissension marked the Supreme Court's decision on the legislation. Justice O. F. Corbett held that alteration of the British North America Act—the Canadian Constitution—to abolish appeals to the Privy Council, was beyond the authority of Parliament. The majority of the court, however, held the action to be within parliamentary competence.

The entire question is interpreted in Canadian circles as readjusting, rather than loosening the bonds of Empire. There has been a progressive effort to place the Canadian courts in an autonomous position—a movement paralleling the political independence of the individual members of the British Commonwealth which was signalled in the Statue of Westminster in 1931.

Rulings Criticized

One major reason advanced for the abolition of appeals has been that the Law Lords who serve as the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council have been far removed from Canadian judicial practice. Many decisions, it is charged, have been reached without intimate knowledge of Canadian conditions and of the evolving practices which have had the effect of materially modifying interpretations of the Dominion's constitutional law.

The provinces of Canada, however, have not been unanimous in their attitude toward the projected abolition of appeals to the Crown. Manitoba, for example, supported the Dominion Government's contention that Canada had the right to abolish the appeal. Ontario, on the other hand, contended that the measure was a direct attempt to invade fields of legislation assigned to the Provinces. A factor in this opinion is that some of the most important legislation of recent years, involving division of authority between the Provincial and Federal Governments, has been decided by the Privy Council in favour of the provinces.

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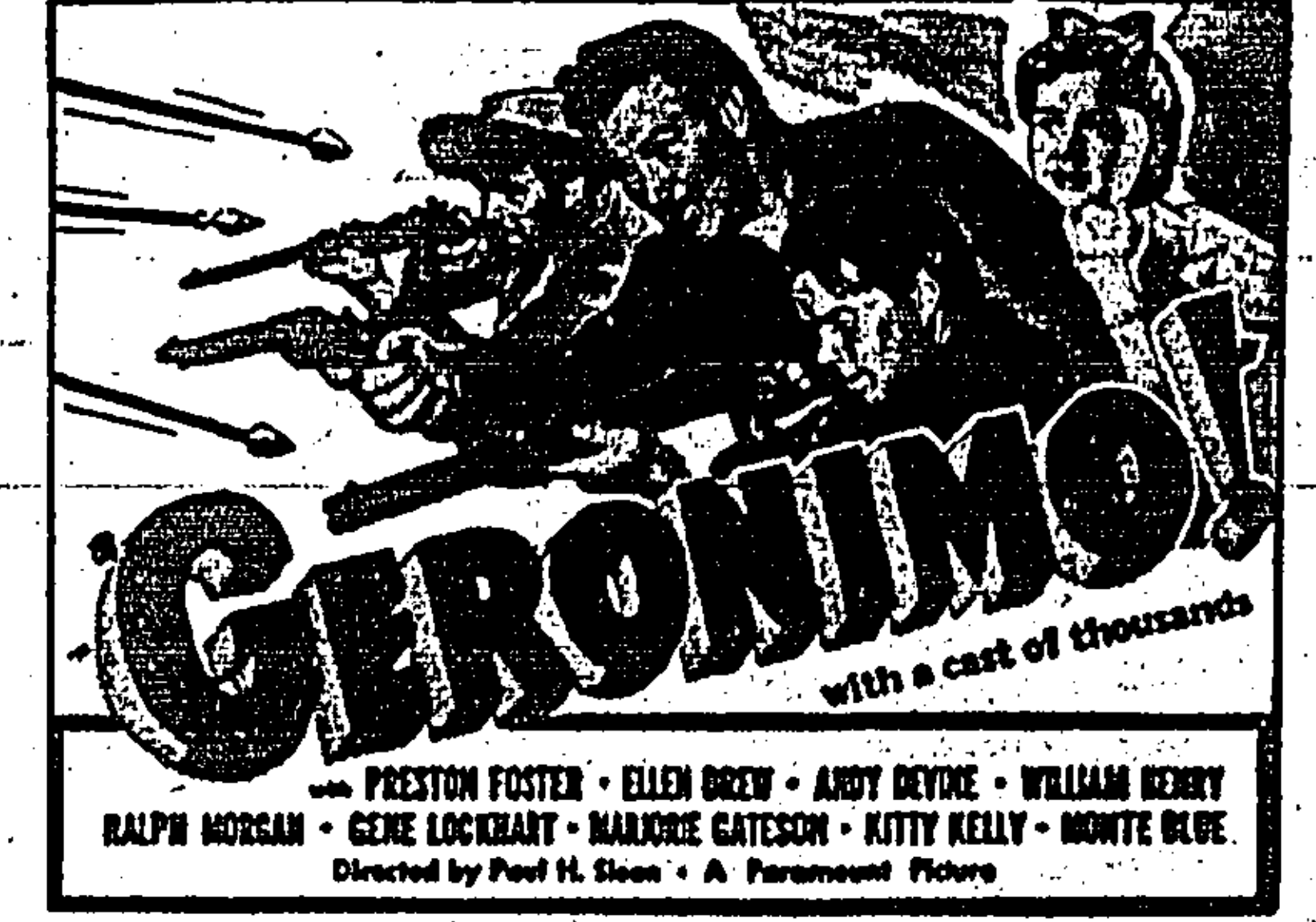
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H.K. Stock Market

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H.K. Bank (H.K. Reg.)	93 n.
Chartered	9 3/4 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	31 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C.	12 1/2 n.
East Asia	71 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton	232 1/2 n.
Union	505 sa.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	107 1/2 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglases	150 n.
Steamboats	10 1/2 n.
Indo-Chinas P.S.	100 n.
Indo-Chinas D.S.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	79/0 n.
Waterboats	7 1/2 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	163 n.
Docks	23 b.
Providents	520 sa.
Sh. Docks Sh.	37 1/2 n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	10/- n.
Raubas s. x. d.	9.60 n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	4 cts. n.
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Hotels	5 1/2 n.
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1.15 Harry Roy and His Orchestra in Dance Music.

1.18 Hale de Costa at the Piano.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Clapham and Dwyer, Blanche Hale, Ronald Murgatroyd, and Others—Music for Romance, Mine Alone, Blanche Hale with Organ Accompaniment: I Want to Be Snappy—Medley, Sidney Torch; Clapham and Dwyer on Photography; Clapham and Dwyer: Love, Forever Adore You, In Your Arms To-night, Ronald Murgatroyd (Tenor) with Violin and Piano; Lulu's Back in Town, In a Little Gipsy Tea Room, George Scott-Wood with Instrumental accompaniment.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 An hour of Dance Music.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Studio—A talk on "The West Country" illustrated by music of the Counties.

7.30 London Relay—"The News."

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Compositions of Dvorak—Slovakian Dance No. 16 in A Flat Major, Czech Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Václav Talich; Songs My Mother Taught Me, Op. 55, No. 4, Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano) with Piano; Quartet in E Flat Major, Op. 61, Lener String Quartet.

8.45 A Light Orchestral Concert with Richard Tauber (Tenor)—Ballet Music, Light Symphony Orchestra; Indian Love Call, Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Grand Symphony Orchestra; Mon Reve, Light Symphony Orchestra; O Rose Marie, I Love You, Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Grand Symphony Orchestra; Babylonian Nights, In The Sudan, Alfred Van Dam and His Gaumont State Orch.; Somewhere A Voice Is Calling, Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orch.; Parade of the Imps, George Grohrock-Ferrari and His Orchestra.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 Blaise—The Fair Maid of Perth. Suite—Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

10.02 B.B.C. Recording—"Poor Old Snell."

A Sketch.

10.15 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers."

10.40 Mozart—Symphony in D Major ("Paris")—Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orch.

11.0 Close down.

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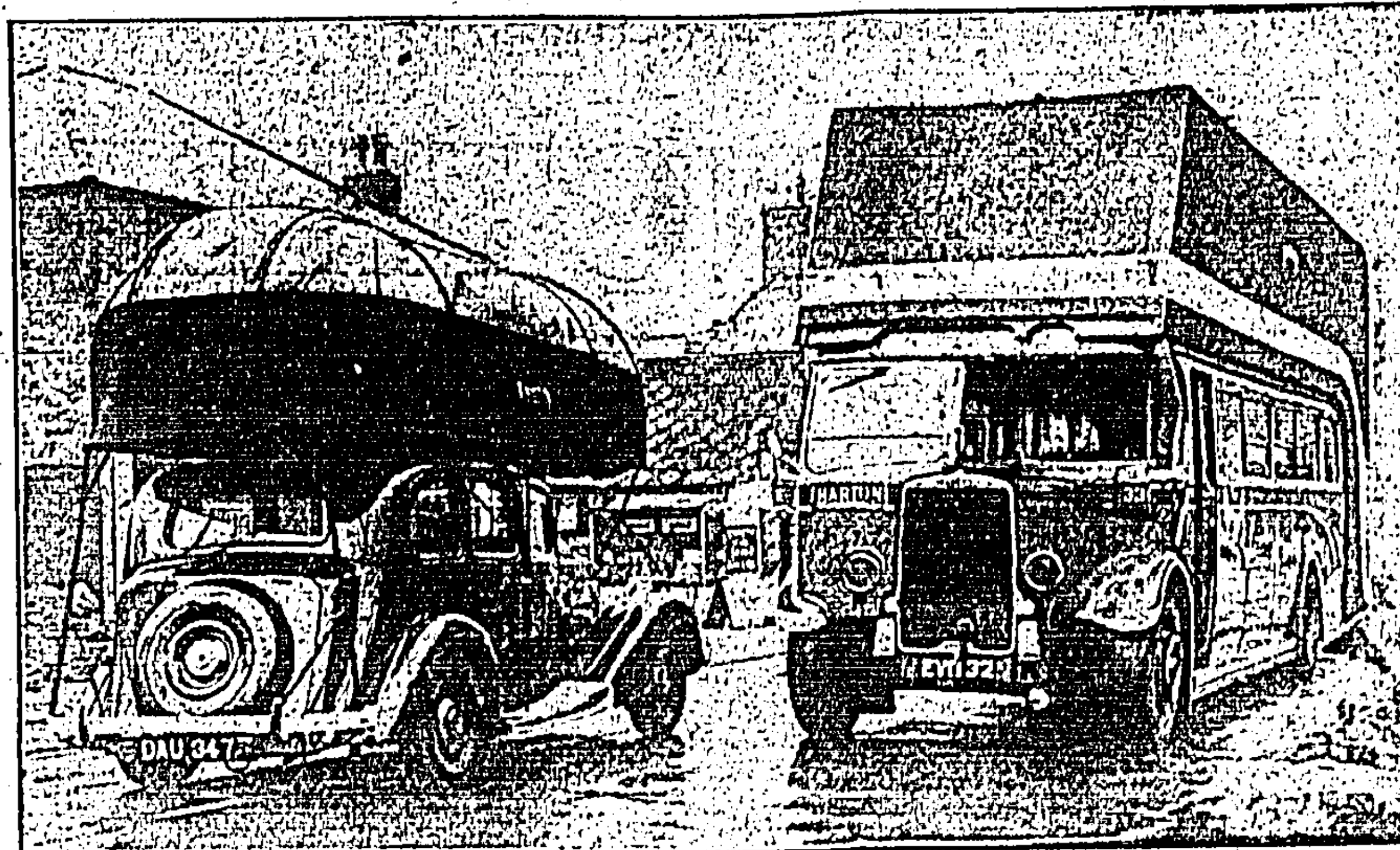
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Entire Coastline Is Now Guarded BALLOON GUARD FOR COAST OF ENGLAND

A "BALLOON NAVY," seagoing adaptation of the curious "balloon barrage" which dots the skies over London, has been extended to virtually the entire British coastline.

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Barbed Wire Fence

Meanwhile on the Western Front a barbed wire fence seven feet high was being erected along the German-Netherlands border to-day by German soldiers.

They said the barrier was designed to stop "undesirables" from crossing the frontier and to prevent smuggling—presumably of money from Germany into the Netherlands.

Barbed wire was strung along the southern part of the Limburg Provincial border early in the war, but now the Germans apparently are intending to close the entire frontier.

Customs gates are situated at intervals along the barrier, and legal passage is permitted at these points. As a further means of control, virtually all train traffic between the two countries is being routed through one point—Bentheim, Germany.

Secret Of The Day Before War Is Revealed

NEWSPAPERS are now permitted after six months to reveal that on September 2, the day before the outbreak of war, a former German bombing pilot, who for several years had been one of the chief scientists employed in a famous British airplane factory, was taken from his London home on the instructions of Scotland-Yard and is now in an internment camp.

He is Dr. Gustav Victor Lachmann, generally considered to be one of the greatest aeronautical engineers in the world.

He was consulting engineer to the Handley Page Company, at their laboratory at Edgware, and as such had been engaged on building secret bombers for the British Government.

In 1934 he was responsible for a bomber which for a considerable time was on the secret list of the R.A.F. The machine embodied many new ideas, and only the most trusted of men were allowed to go near it.

After extensive tests the plane was adopted by the R.A.F., and Dr. Lachmann received the congratulations of high officials of the Air Ministry for his brilliant work.

He went to England about ten years ago at the invitation of Mr. Handley Page, who had read a lecture Dr. Lachmann had given in Germany on the advantages which the "slotted wing" gave to an airplane.

At that time, Mr. Handley Page was himself working on a design for a slotted wing. After reading Dr. Lachmann's lecture he asked him to co-operate in developing the device, and Dr. Lachmann consented.

Airplane production in Germany was then seriously hampered by the Treaty of Versailles, but in England Dr. Lachmann was able to develop his ideas in conjunction with Mr. Handley Page, and their slotted wing device has since become almost a standard fitting.

Dr. Lachmann is a man of about forty-five years of age, tall, and of striking appearance. On the side of one cheek is a scar, a relic of university days in Germany, when he fought in a duel.

During the war he served as an officer in a dragon regiment of the German Army. Later he transferred to the air service and qualified as a night bombing pilot.

He did not take part in any raid on London, most of his bombing being over France.

After the war he took the Degree of Doctor of Engineering, specialising in Aerodynamics. Then he had a bad crash in a plane he was testing. It was that crash which gave him the idea of the slotted wing.

When Dr. Lachmann arrived in England he was unmarried. In

THEY FIND THIS WARM!

TWO HUNDRED bachelors landed in England recently—and they took off their overcoats because they felt too warm.

The hardy lads were Newfoundland fishermen, first of 625 volunteers who are going mine-sweeping. Among them were four brothers, who expect a fifth to arrive in the next ship.

At first they lived in a villa in Mill Hill, Middlesex, but later rented a large detached house in Canons-drive, Edgware. Until the outbreak of war they lived quietly, mixing little in local society.

Although locally he was regarded as something of a mystery man, in British aviation circles he was recognised as a man of exceptional brilliance, always ready to assist others interested in his work. At the Handley Page works he was extremely popular with executives of the firm and the workpeople.

On September 2, in the afternoon, a police car stopped outside his house. Two Scotland-yard officers rang the front-door bell. The doctor had just finished his lunch. A few minutes later he accompanied the detectives in the car, waving goodbye to his wife.

His house is now deserted. The windows are closed. Carpets and furniture have gone. The lawn is uncut, the flower beds untended. Mrs. Lachmann and her three daughters have left the district and are living in the country.

Mr. Handley Page, discussing the case with a reporter at Home, said: "There was no more loyal man to this country than Dr. Lachmann. That is my view."

"And it not been for the war, he would by this time have been a British subject. He was doing a very good job of work for England."

"I know that now even to mention that a man is a German is to create suspicion regarding him and his work, but I can say this, Dr. Lachmann was far from being a Nazi."

His case has since been dealt with by the Special Advisory Committee on Aliens set up to assist Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, and will now be further considered by him.

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WESTERN FRONT

INTENSE PATROL ACTIVITY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, Mar. 25 (UP).—Reports from the Western Front state that there has been intense patrol activity, particularly west of the Saar River where the Germans were repulsed after a fierce night battle.

French troops surrounded a section of Germans east of the Moselle River, and took some prisoners.

The 408th. communicative states: There has been localised artillery action on various parts of the front and infantry fire along the Rhine, together with aerial activity on both sides.

All Quiet

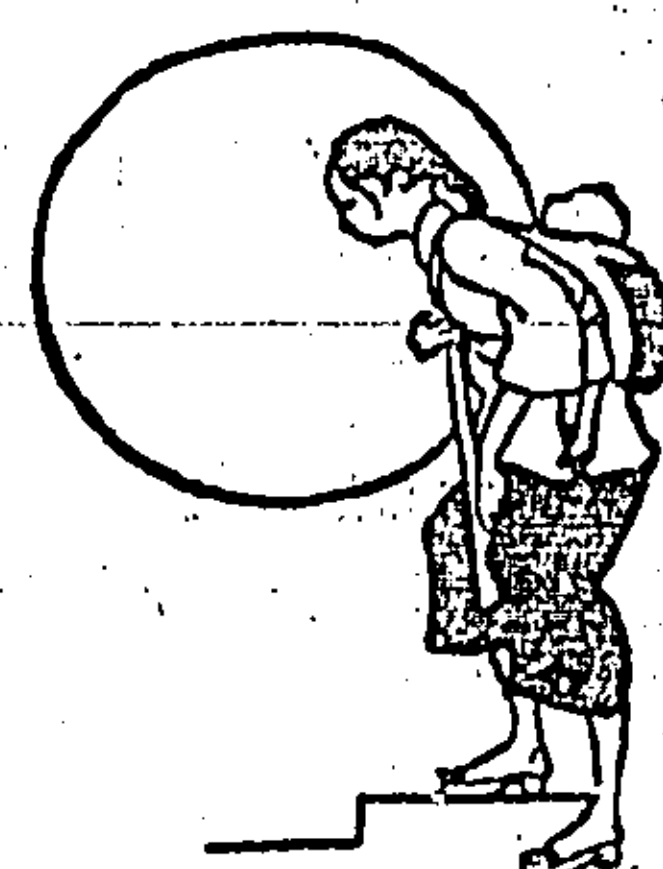
PARIS, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—An official communique issued here to-day states that everything was quiet on the whole of the front yesterday.

OPERATIONS IN WAZIRISTAN

NEW DELHI, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—"All quiet in Waziristan" sums up the present position of operations in the Ahmednagar district where cleaning up operations against bad characters across the border were begun on February 22.

Although it is still too early to forecast a lasting improvement it is evident that the heavy casualties sustained by the raiding gangs had a sobering effect.

The gangs in question consisted mainly of criminals and outlaws and they have been using the Ahmednagar district as a base for their operations.



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200 Basque Children Hand In Their Gasmasks As They Embark For Spain

A HUNDRED Basque refugee children left Victoria Station recently on their way from war-time Britain to peace-time Spain.

Another 100 travelled to the same port direct from towns in the South of England. When they got there the children's gas-masks were collected for return to the Government.

This is the first of three expeditions which will have conducted 600 of the 1,000 now in England back to their homes. The remaining 600 cannot be sent home because their parents are

either dead or in prison or refugees in France.

The youngest of the children who left Victoria were Carmen, aged four, and Juan, aged five. They were babies when their mothers parted with them three years ago to save them from bombs over Bilbao. Of the 500 who remain in Britain 180 are now over 15 and will be self-supporting. The trade unions have been most helpful in finding them jobs," said an official of the Basque Committee. The others have all been placed in private families and may, in time, be adopted.

MAGAZINE PAGE

War comes to the East Coast No. 1

THE war comes to England. Here you are within reach of the war, and you know it. Not many miles away, across those waters of the Humber, shining in the morning sun, the men of this city are being machine-gunned by the Nazi raiders, innocent fishermen who have one complaint only—there is not enough fishing!

The fishermen here are reputed to be "some of the toughest men in the world"—and no wonder, for the Hull trawler-men fishing on the "West Side" or up around Bear Island must develop strength and courage that no Nazi raider can undermine.

Some of this toughness communicates itself to the city. "We've got to beat the hell out of Hitler," is the sort of remark you hear in conversation. The mind of Hull is much more fixed on the war than is, say, the mind of London.

Why, I attended a luncheon of 50 or 60 business men, and what do you think was the subject chosen by the speaker? "Short Waves, particularly as applied to war—and fishing."

You cannot get away from fishing. No surprises there, for in the old days, we speak here of the "old days," meaning the days before the war—about 60,000 of Hull's people relied on fishing for their livelihood.

Of course, the Admiralty have taken over most of the trawlers for minesweeping and all that, but, as Alderman Frederick Till told me, that creates a new problem. For, although the trawler-men themselves find employment in the minesweepers, the ancillary trades have been badly hit by the cessation of actual fishing.

The Hull fleet has dwindled because its up-to-date vessels, largest and finest in the country, best suited the purposes of the Admiralty. So Hull bears some of the brunt of the economic war by the loss of its fishing industry.

THEY LAST MET IN CHINA

NOW you have only to be in this city five minutes to know that the Royal Navy is here in strength says Harry, the cocktail shaker at the big hotel: "Do you know that I sell three times as much Plymouth gin now as I did before the war?" Pink gin of course, is the naval officer's favourite drink.

The hotel lounge is full of officers. Chubby Lieut. - Commanders, serious-looking Captains, and slim, gay, young Lieutenants. "Hallo," says one to another in the bar, "haven't seen you since China. Have a drink."

The pink gins are stacked up, and they resume the conversation almost as if they had met yesterday. Yet it was China. "Slaying long?" And the reply is, "No, I'm off to-morrow." Very much like ships that pass. But all these men in their blue uniforms, some of them coming into the hotel with their rubber boots still on, remind you that the war is here, just outside where the Humber meets the sea.

Then in the street you find converted trawlers almost getting mixed up with the buses, where the wharves meet the highways. Grey-painted, grim, they appear as a standing reminder that the war is on. They remind you that from here the crews of the little ships go out and sometimes never return. Believe me, there are anxious hearts among the folk living on the edge of the Humber.

To the ordinary and expected perils of the seas are added the dangers of the mine and the machine-guns from the skies. No woman ever knows when her husband's ship is due in from Antwerp or Rotterdam. She can ring up the offices, but all she can learn is that the ship is delayed.

A voyage in which a wife might expect her husband home in a week may now take three, so you can understand that what must be an Admiralty secret is often an anxiety for the women of Hull.

Yet so conscious are the people here of the war that there are, so I am told, very few complaints. "We know we are on the spot," said an official to me at the Guildhall, where I was discussing the trade situation. Everybody understands that Hull, with its vast dock and its approachability by air from Germany, is in the direct line of fire when it comes. Yet not one in a hundred carries a gas mask!

FIVE AIR RAID WARNINGS

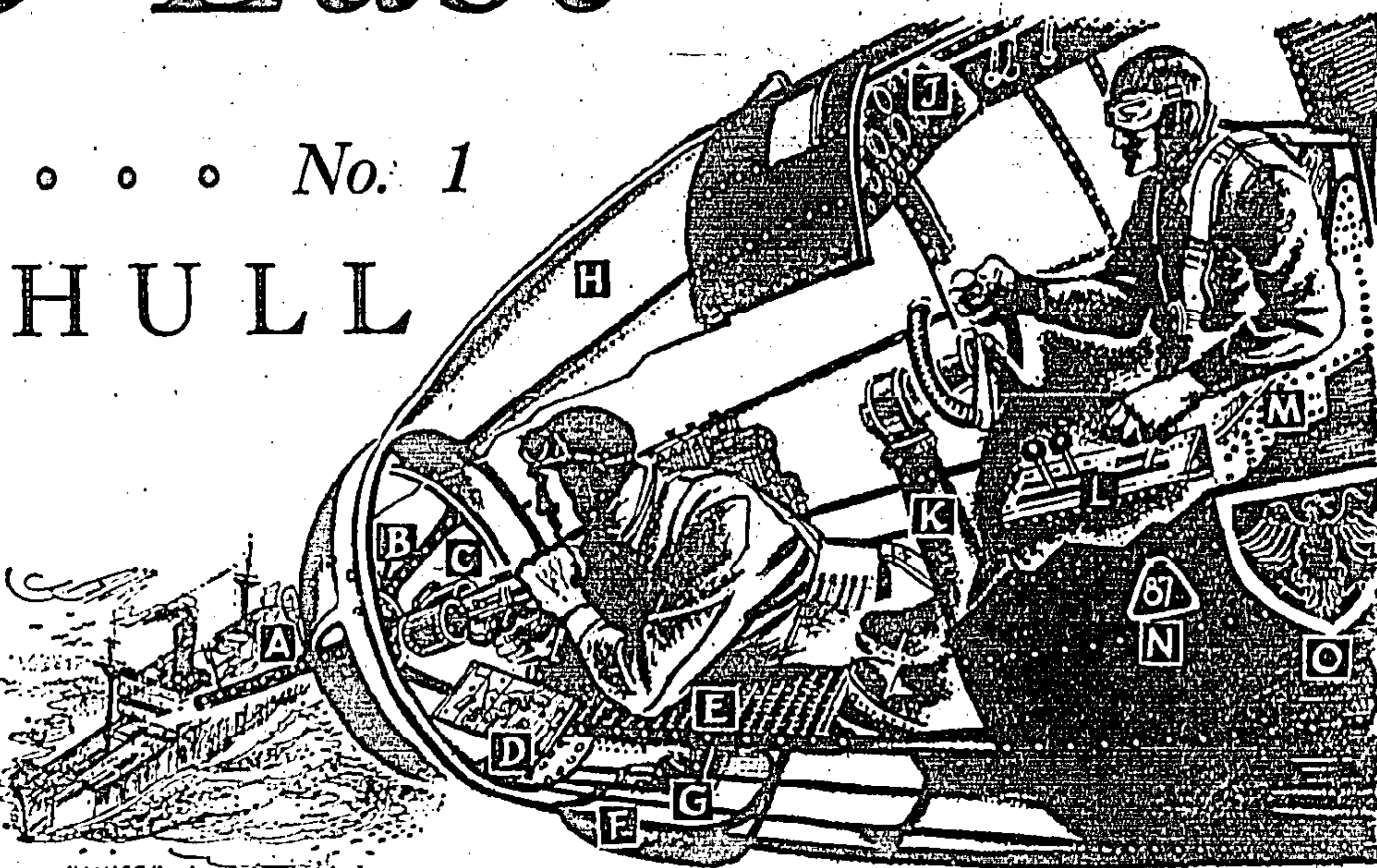
ANOTHER thing, of the 33,000 people evacuated from the city, about 50 per cent. have returned. Some were sent for safety to Scarborough.

"Why, look what happened to Scarborough in the last war," said a friendly acquaintance. "Anyway, I'd rather be in Hull. It's a fine city—even in the black-out." And I tell you this city is blacked out.

The people here have experienced five air raid warnings to date, though the Nazis have not come inland now for some time. The business men can't forget that we are at war. Nearly every afternoon their telephone calls to London are greatly delayed, for the Admiralty must know all that's going on around the coast, and so the phones are busy.

Indeed, I can't imagine how anybody here can ignore it, when, almost daily, merchantmen are to be seen coming up the Humber with a significant tarpaulin hiding the gun they have been given as a defence against the Nazis.

HULL



Dort sind sie . . . los darauf!
which means "THERE THEY ARE . . . LET THEM HAVE IT!"

THE Nazi Heinkel dives from the clouds and rakes the decks of trawler and merchant ship with a hail of machine-gun bullets. What about men in the Heinkel? Artist Huxworth shows you two of them—two men in a glasshouse—pilot and forward gunner. Look at their equipment. Death-dealer No. 1 is the machine-gun (A). Just a standard German pattern; it fires 400 bullets a minute. And that gun can be swung easily up, down, left, right, almost anywhere on its universal joint mounting (B).

A FEW quick and interesting details are: (C) the magazine; (D) the map; (E) the runner's cushion; (F) the little glass "bathroom" in which the bomb-sighting apparatus (G) is fixed. The man you see with the gun is the man who drops the bombs too. Now the big glasshouse itself. The whole of the nose of the Heinkel is covered in "plexiglas" (H) three-sixteenths of an inch thick. Let's peep through the windows. Notice at the top the pilot's instrument panel (J)—like the dashboard of a car—fixed to the roof.

AND here's an interesting feature, that rubber-covered control column (K). The novel thing about it is that it can be swung to one side for a change of pilot. If that pilot you see there were wounded or killed in his seat, the gunner could scramble up and take over the controls while standing at his side. The actual speed controls are at (L), while (M) is the armoured seat designed to give the pilot the maximum possible protection. A quick glance now on the outside of the Heinkel. See that number there beside the key letter (N)? That is put there as a guide to aerodynamic mechanics. It shows them that the petrol to be used for this particular plane must have an 87 octane content. The design at (O) is the badge of the squadron to which the Heinkel belongs.

The port is Hull and Hull is the port, but the others serving the nation are not forgotten. To one fund the citizens have contributed £5,000 in cash for comforts, and many thousands of articles for the use of the troops, including such old things as pianos, suites of furniture, and even a cage of budgerigars.

As you travel up through the flat farmlands of East Anglia, you feel that you are approaching the war zone of England. Understandably, the recent in Hull is on the seas, and thoughts are focussed on the trawler-men and merchant sailors whose port this is. Hull to help them, Hull to save them from the Nazi airman, who think it fun to swoop down and pepper their decks with bullets.

The people here are interested in the winning of the war that is nearer to them than it is to us who live in London or our great inland cities.

Nearer because of the battered ships, the zoom of planes, the reports of the machine-gun firing not far away, and because sailormen of Hull have died under the Nazi terror.

No, the war is not a "bore" here.

BOOK REVIEW

Englishwomen are Hopeless!

—says Chinese woman

By Monica Dickens

WE poor-British-women! What do we know about marriage and happiness?

A Chinese woman, Kuo Chin Chiu, has looked at us, and what she has seen she has written in a book, "Peach Path" (Methuen: 8s.), which shows that the Eastern World knows more than the Western World about this business of being a woman.

Here is how she sums us up. "Mrs. Robinson says over a good stiff whisky-and-soda at the club: 'My dear, I gave up a perfectly marvellous career to get married, and look what's happened. I can't possibly go back to my music now. That's what marriage does for you.'"

"Miss Smith, getting into the thirties, calls every man 'darling,' and can gulp enough sherry every evening to drown her sense of hopelessness till next morning. 'Men,' she sniffs, 'there are so few worth while. My people brought me up with the sole idea of getting married, but where are the men?'"

"Mrs. Slave lives in the suburbs with two children and a fat, complacent husband. Hear her whine as she flings her withered hands in the wastub: 'I never get a chance to go to the pictures. . . . She gets thinner and thinner and goes on whining and slaving, never doing anything she wants, because she is too mentally lazy even to suggest it."

Poor Chinese women! I am glad I am British. I, Monica Dickens, have looked at the picture of Chinese marriage that Kuo Chin Chiu gives in her book, and what I see is this:

"Jade Pure and a young man called Good. Renown have been friends for several years. Jade Pure has her ideals of the man she wants to marry."

"She weighs Mr. Good up carefully. Mr. Good wants a wife a woman who is educated enough to understand him. . . . he does not want a wife who outshines him. He wants a woman who will decorate his home."

"They discuss ways and means. . . . they study the rules and make sure they will like the game."

If this is the Chinese recipe for married happiness, I prefer the European brand.

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"THE LOVE STORY OF GILBERT BRIGHT," by Frank Tilley (Collins: 8s. 3d.), is the story of a father's love for his son, told by the son with reality and humanity. An outstanding well-written book, with an end that I found deeply moving.

QUIZKRIEG

What do YOU know about the War? After more than six months of historic events, how much do you remember of the history which YOU are helping to make?

Since Hitler's "Blitzkrieg" is still postponed, try your memory on "Quizkrieg"—a series of questions about wartime events.

1. Did Germany invade Poland on, before or after August 31?
2. Was general conscription introduced a day, or a month before war started?
3. Was it for a two, three or four years' war that Government Departments were instructed to plan?
4. Which was the quicker to declare war on Germany—Canada or South Africa?
5. If you can, name the French Minister of War or the French Minister of Foreign Affairs in Daladier's late Cabinet.
6. What type of warship was the Courageous?
7. Who was the famous Prime Minister assassinated by Fascists on September 21, 1939?
8. Which was the largest ship sunk by Germany up yesterday?
9. Who was the once Commander-in-Chief of the German Army who lost his life in the Polish campaign?
10. By how much was the yearly rate of Income Tax increased by Sir John Simon in his first war Budget?

For answers see Below.

QUIZKRIEG

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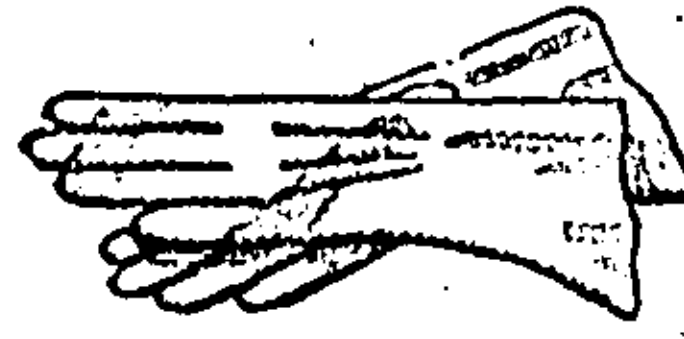
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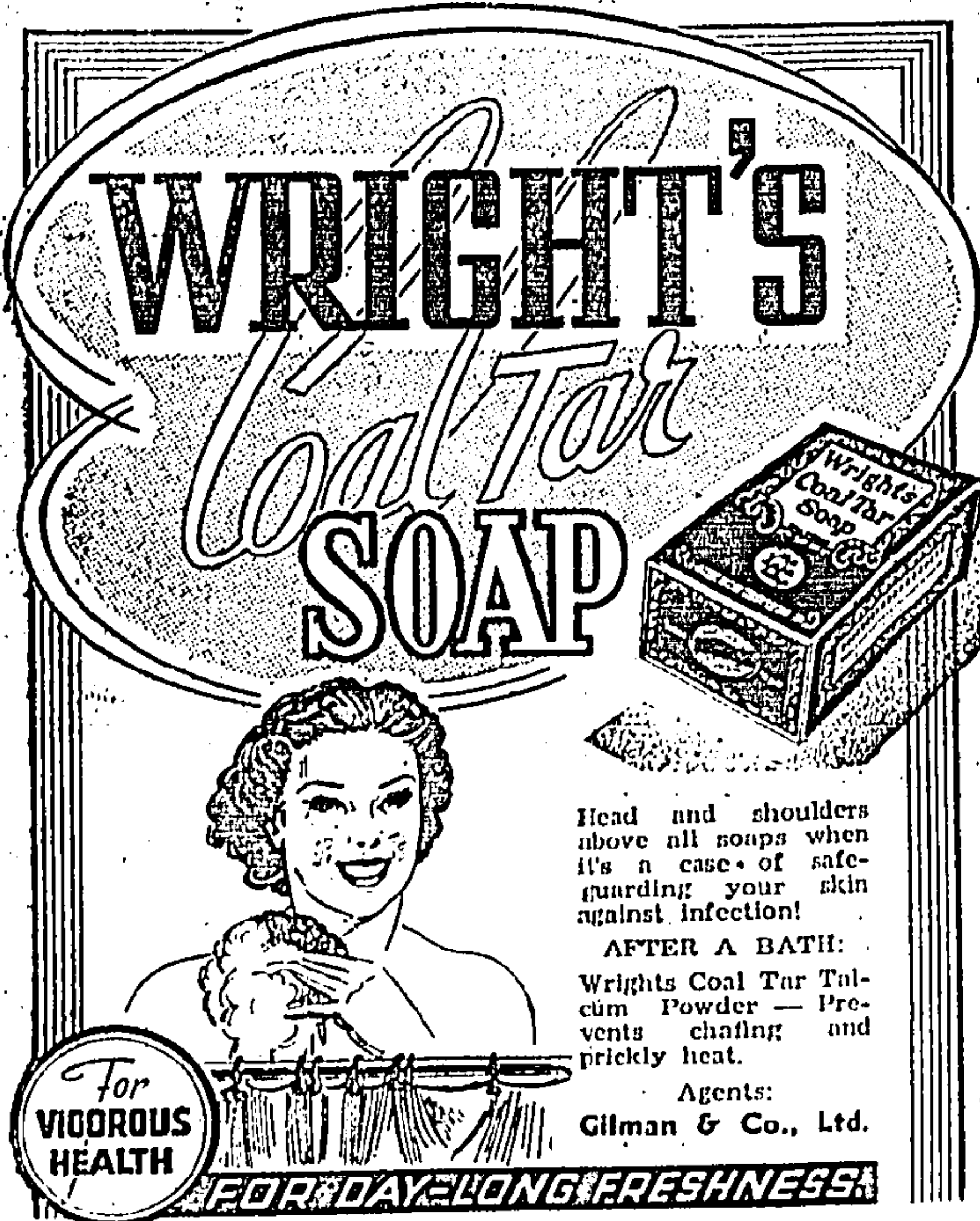
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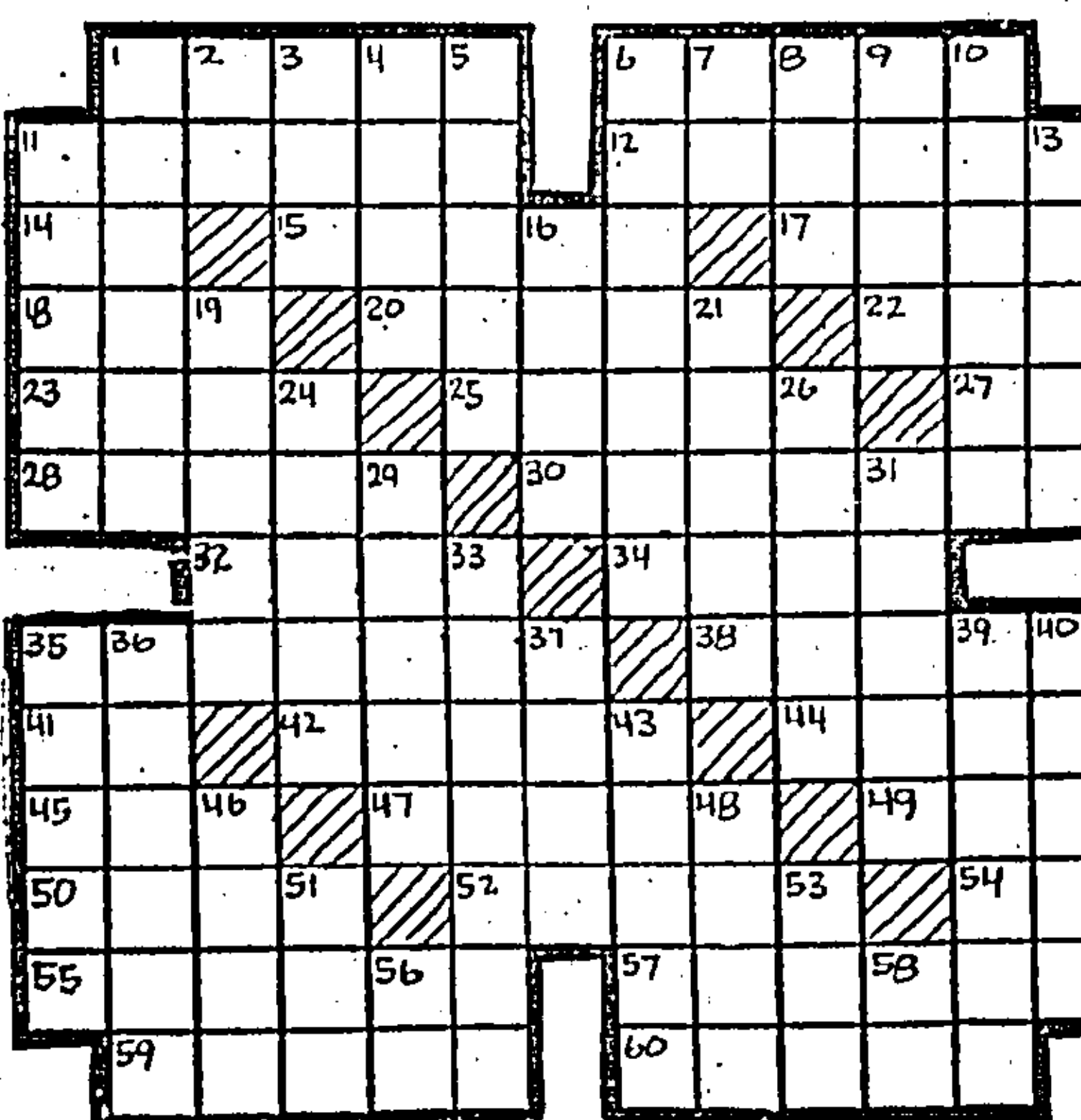
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Agreeable (poetic)
- 2—Journal
- 3—Trayer
- 4—Chinese mile
- 5—Enthusiastic
- 6—Musical sign
- 7—Blender dish
- 8—Division
- 9—Leafy dog
- 10—Heroine in "Edith of the King"
- 11—Peculiarities
- 12—Hellenism
- 13—Russian emperors
- 14—Makes captives
- 15—Ancient Hebrew measure of length
- 16—Look on foolishly
- 17—Responds
- 18—Unit of gem weight
- 19—Mother
- 20—Hobbit
- 21—Information
- 22—Greek letter
- 23—Secret agent
- 24—Snack up
- 25—Madman (col.)
- 26—Greek philosopher
- 27—Note of scale
- 28—Theatrical company
- 29—Arabian Nights sailor

DOWN

- 1—Peculiarities
- 2—Parent
- 3—Organ of vision
- 4—Blanket slipper
- 5—Lion king
- 6—Carrying tide tilted
- 7—Metric measure
- 8—Prevent from moving
- 9—Fictional writer
- 10—Piebald condition
- 11—Navy
- 12—Abyssinian ruler
- 13—Decadent ones
- 14—Knox's steadfast
- 15—Members of famous theatrical family
- 16—Leafy dog
- 17—Drops through slowly
- 18—Elther
- 19—Catein
- 20—Characteristics
- 21—Earth
- 22—Becomes
- 23—Eligibly warm
- 24—Of, smallest amount
- 25—Microscopic portion
- 26—Ailment
- 27—Pretend; under
- 28—Inconspicuous
- 29—Hebrew letter
- 30—Exit



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WHY SWEDEN TURNED DEAF EAR TO FINNISH PLEA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 25 (UP).—The Swedish Premier, in a radio broadcast to-day, revealed that Finland had requested military assistance from Sweden on October 18 last year.

This request was refused, the Premier said, because Sweden feared involvement in the war, if she sent troops to the Aaland Islands.

When the prime ministers of the northern countries met in October, he said, they fully discussed the situation with regards to Finland "because we already foresaw the possibilities of war in the East."

He added that Sweden pledged herself to give only material assistance to Finland in the event of war. "These promises we fulfilled to a greater extent than we then believed possible," he declared.

Soviet Opposition

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—The Scandinavian press takes a firm line over the Soviet attempt to force the formation of a Nordic defence alliance.

Typical of their attitude is that of the conservative Swedish paper "Svenska Dagbladet" which protests that surely the Soviet Government does not think it can interfere with sovereign states which discuss common defence measures even if it does have the support of certain organs of the German press.

Sweden's readiness "to collaborate in the examination of the project for a northern alliance" was re-affirmed by Dr. Albin Hansson, the Prime Minister, in a broadcast to-night.

Dr. Hansson added at the same time that it was necessary to draw attention to the danger of giving birth to popular ideas which did not correspond with the real situation.

Dr. Hansson, after revealing that Sweden had told Finland as long ago as mid-October that she could not count on direct Swedish military intervention in the event of war, declared that it was necessary to make an end once and for all of the speculations suggesting that the resources of the north might be mobilised for other ends than defence against attacks on the north's peace and independence.

Only the slogan, "Peace At Home and for the Country," could rally Nordic peoples, and in accordance with it, they would deliberate on how to organise their efforts for common protection.

Supported By People

Sweden could co-operate in the common Nordic task with the full right to make her opinion heard.

Sweden's policy rising out of the war had the support of the whole Swedish people, and moreover it should be recalled that the Nordic states had never engaged in any military obligations.

Russians To Hangoo

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINKI, Mar. 25 (UP).—It is understood that thirty Russian planes, carrying fully equipped soldiers, have landed in Hangoo Bay. The ice is still too thick to permit the entrance of warships.

NAZI REPORTS REFUTED

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that the claims now made by the official German news agency to the effect that a considerable number of British aircraft were lost in the attack on Sylt are wholly false.

An already announced, only one British aircraft engaged in the operation failed to return to its base. It is learned from the Air Ministry that direct hits were obtained on hangars, jetty, light railway and other parts of the base.

Oil storage tanks and barracks were set on fire.

The reconnaissance flight on March 20 confirmed the success of the operation.

Another Air Ministry bulletin declares that there is no truth in the reports published abroad that one or more R.A.F. aircraft violated Danish neutrality and fired on civilians.

Belgian A.A. Fire

RUSSELS, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire at an aeroplane of unknown nationality flying at a great height, about a mile and a half south of the city.

Mary Hopes To Get \$5 Reward

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—Mary Thompson, of Bridlington, has found a new type of torpedo. It is now being examined by the Admiralty. She hopes to be the first to claim the £5 reward recently announced by the Admiralty for discoveries of this kind.

Lord Tweedsmuir's Bequest Of Books

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—The will of the late Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, was published to-day. It makes only one bequest of a public nature.

Lord Tweedsmuir directed his trustees to hand over to the National Library in Scotland "all the books in my library dealing with the Marquis of Montrose which the National Library may desire."

New Zealand's Premier

Mr. M. J. Savage Much Weaker

WELLINGTON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—A bulletin issued here at 9 p.m. states that the Rt. Hon. Mr. M. J. Savage, the Prime Minister, is much weaker.

The Labour Party Conference to-day passed a resolution expressing their sympathy and high appreciation of Mr. Savage's work as the leader of the Party and the first Labour Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Was Once Miner

A miner's rise to fame is recalled by the announcement of Premier Savage's grave illness. Like many other men who have graduated to the Labour political movement, Mr. M. J. Savage, leader of the New Zealand Labour Party, and Prime Minister, was in his younger days a miner.

Born in 1872, a native of Victoria, Australia, he is the son of a small farmer near Benalla. At the age of 14, he obtained the leaving certificate of the local school and took a position as shop assistant in a general store at Benalla.

After the big bank crash of 1893, he was one of the many young Victorians who went to New South Wales seeking work, and he secured employment on one of the stations of Sir Samuel McCaughey.

Returning to Victoria in 1900, he worked in a deep alluvial mine at North Prentice, near Rutherglen. Here, he became interested in the co-operative movement and organised a co-operative store and bakery. Here it was, too, that he first became interested in politics.

Left Australia In 1902

He became secretary of the North Prentice Political Labour Council. In 1902, he went to New Zealand, where he settled permanently at Auckland. He became a prominent member of Auckland Labour politics, being elected to several local bodies. He was first elected to the House of Representatives for Auckland West in 1919.

Mr. Savage is not the spectacular type of leader. A calm and deliberate thinker, he led his party ably in the House. His victory, following the electoral campaign of 1935, resulted in the formation of his first Cabinet.

He was very popular with the party and it is said that no previous Labour leader has been so loyally by his rank and file. He succeeded to the leadership following the death of Mr. H. E. Holland in 1933.

Mr. Savage represented New Zealand at the 1926 conference of the British Empire Parliamentary Association held in Australia. He became Premier, Mr. Savage shared his ministerial home with a Herne Bay family, with whom he had lived continuously since his arrival in Auckland 20 years previously.

They were Mr. and Mrs. French and their children. Mr. French was one of the survivors of the wreck of the Union liner Wairarapa on Great Barrier Island many years ago.

"One cannot live with people for all those years without a common bond being established," said Mr. Savage on the day he was invited to form his Cabinet. "I should feel lost without the companionship of such friends."

A bachelor, Mr. Savage then announced that he was arranging "for the good people who have looked after me" to join him in Wellington.

NEW LIGHTSHIP EVOLVED

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—As a result of Nazi plane attacks on defenceless lightships round the British coast a new type of vessel has been built. They are now on view at Great Yarmouth harbour.

Only half the size of the usual vessel, its lights when lit can operate without attention for two months. The vessels will be taken over by various lightship stations and left there. It will not be necessary for the crew to remain on board.

The fact that this vessel is only half the normal size will make it a difficult mark for the Germans trying to put it out of action.

I.L.P. PLANS WAR PROGRAMME

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—Plans for a war programme were taken up by the Independent Labour Party at its annual conference yesterday.

The Party decided that the working class movement should be maintained. It demanded no political truce with Government and no industrial truce with employers.

It opposed all emergency powers of the Government restricting the liberty of working class organisations and free speech.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1890.
The long-predicted fuel famine in the British Isles is again postponed by the discovery of coal deposits at the foot of Shinkapere's cliff at Dover.

In the Ontario Legislature Premier Howat introduced a bill extending to Jews in that province all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other religious organisations.

Young Abraham Lincoln died at a late hour to-night.

Statistics published in Berlin show the military expenditure of the great Powers during the past three years. France spent 5,082,000,000 marks, Russia 3,254,000,000 marks, Great Britain 2,476,000,000 marks, Germany 2,200,000,000 marks, Austria-Hungary 1,362,000,000 marks, and Italy 1,254,000,000 marks.

"The Kreuz-Zeitung" in an article on the United States dwells upon the grandeur and power of the new American navy soon to be created, characterising it as the second in power in the world. The paper also declares that the new navy will be superior to that of France, and that with the two allied England's navy could be easily maintained. It further states that when the time comes for action, if it ever does, Congress will enthusiastically abandon the Monroe doctrine.

25 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1915.
A Paris communique states:—The enemy bombed Rheims and a German aviator dropped bombs on the city, hitting three civilians.

10 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1930.
After to-day, the reason for designating Wyndham Street by the alternative name of Flower Street will disappear, for the flower-sellers who have had their stands at the foot of this thoroughfare for at least fifty years will to-night move into On Lan Street, which is situated a little further up the slope, on the left-hand side going upwards.

The move is necessitated by work having commenced on the demolition of the Yee San Fat Building, which is to make way for a fine modern structure in which a new cinema will be housed. (The present King's Theatre.—Ed.)

Strident protests were made in Hankow at the annual Kaitengyera Meeting against the continued illegal occupation of British property by the Chinese authorities.

5 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1935.
France and Italy are demanding a certain amount of military superiority over Germany and they have given to Sir John Simon, the British Foreign Minister, their minimum requirements on security armaments.

Sir John is at present in Berlin and will discuss with Herr Hitler the whole European situation, with a view to securing Germany's assurance that peace will not be threatened and that she will return to the League of Nations.

French and Italian demands have been met on the British Foreign Minister, through Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Privy Seal, who attended a conference of the former Allies in Paris and they hurried on to the Berlin conference.

It is learned that the Polish Ambassador made a verbal demarche to Baron von Neurath, the Reich Minister for Foreign Affairs, and conveyed to him Poland's views upon the situation arising out of Germany's new conscription laws.

Independence Day In Greece

ATHENS, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—National Independence Day was celebrated in Greece yesterday.

King George attended a military review in the company of General Metaxas, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, War, Marine and Air, and other high Government officials.

Leading articles in the Greek press emphasise the country's desire for independence and her desire to live in peace with all the world within the ambit of the Balkan Entente.

Startling Effect Of Aurora Borealis

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—A violent electrical disturbance involving a sun spot aurora borealis resulted in the break down of communications with the United States on Sunday.

The trans-Atlantic shortwave telephone was out of action for over 12 hours.

The damage to telegraph land-lines resulted in about a million Easter messages being held up.

Japanese Taxes Increased

TOKYO, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The Taxation Reform Bill, by which the Japanese Government aims at increasing the revenue from taxation by 500,000,000 yen annually was passed into law when the House of Peers adopted the Bill as amended by the Lower House.

The Finance Minister described the reform plan as "unprecedented in the vastness of its scope in the annals of taxation in Japan."

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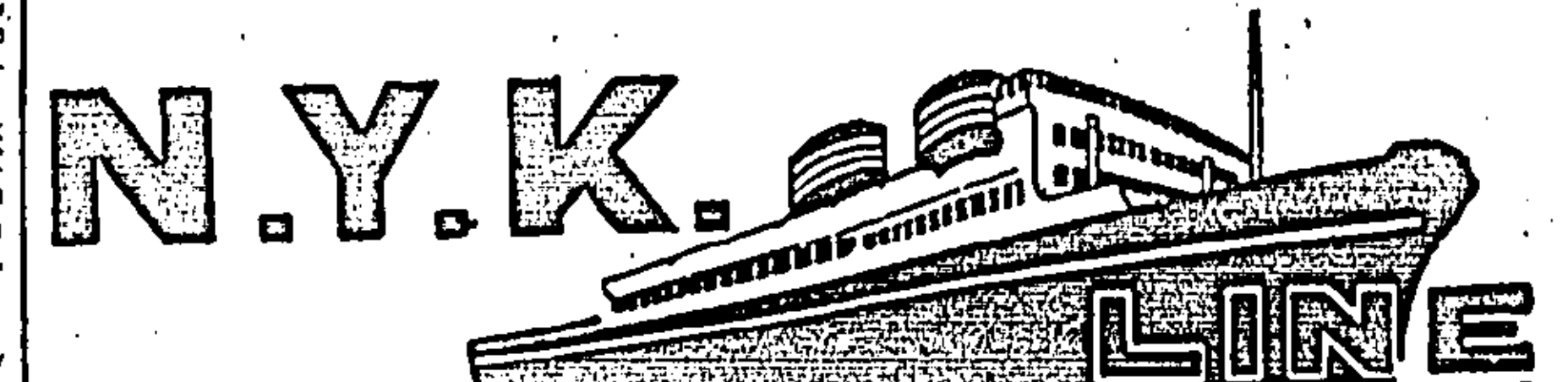
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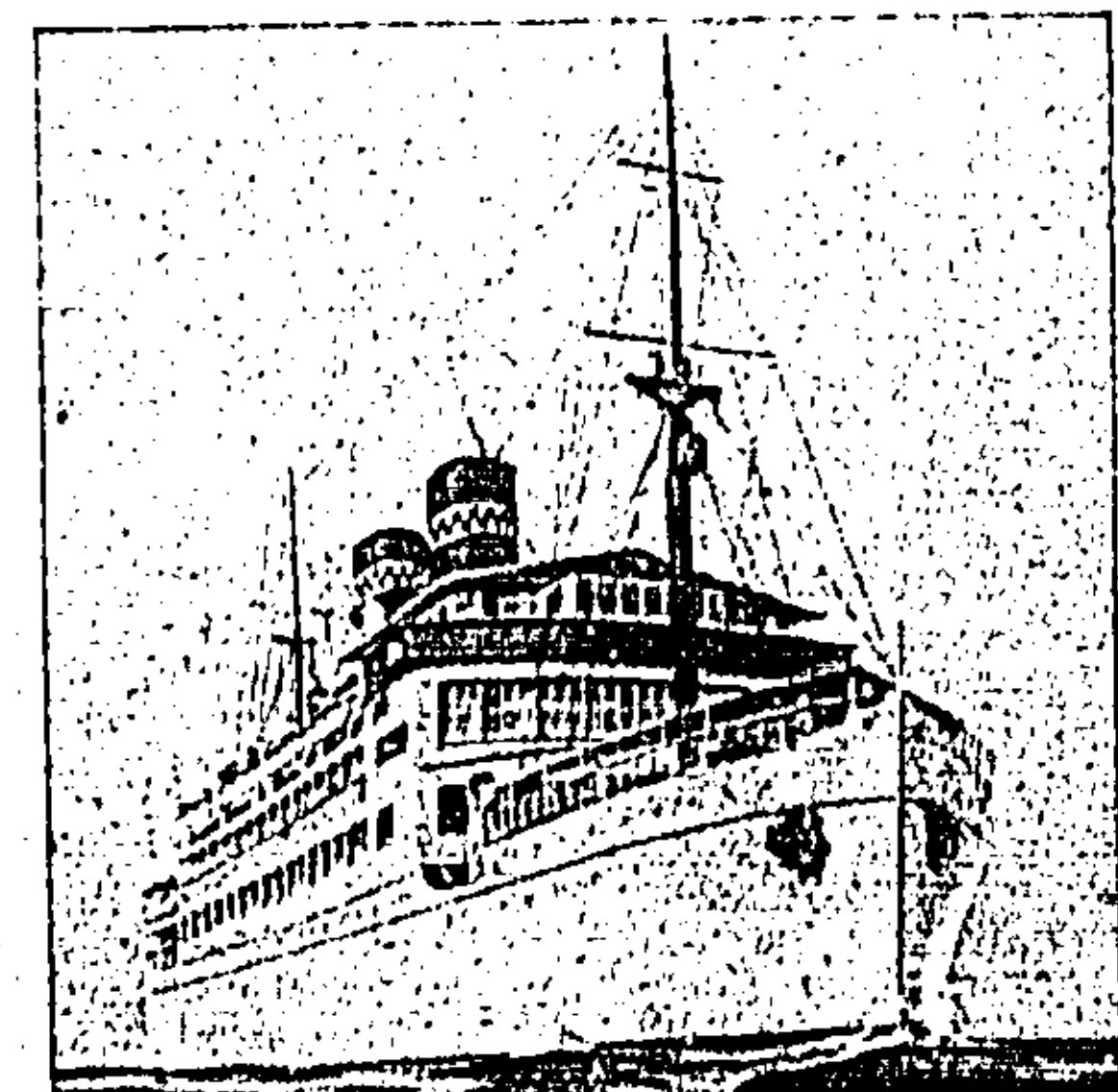
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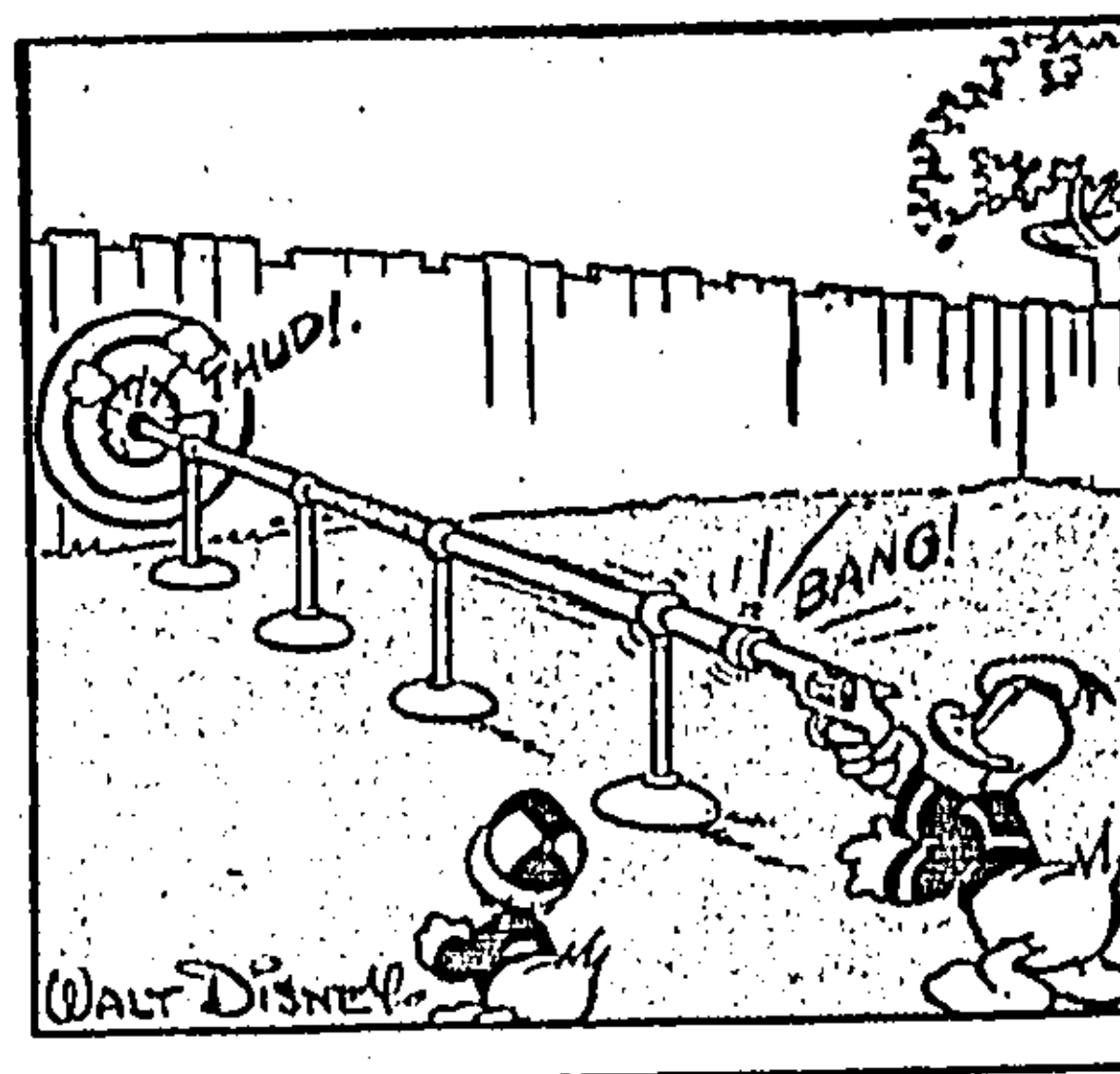
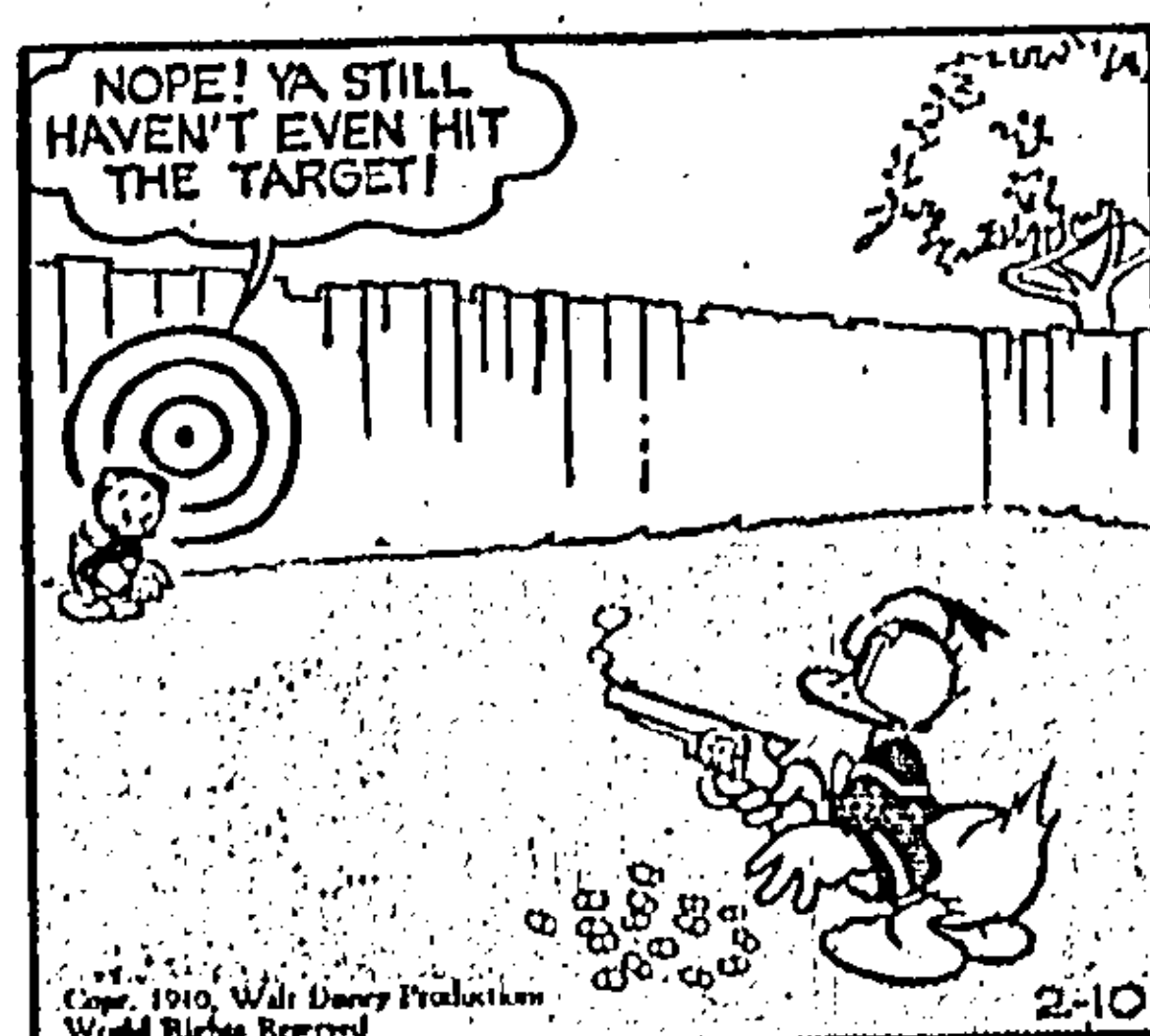
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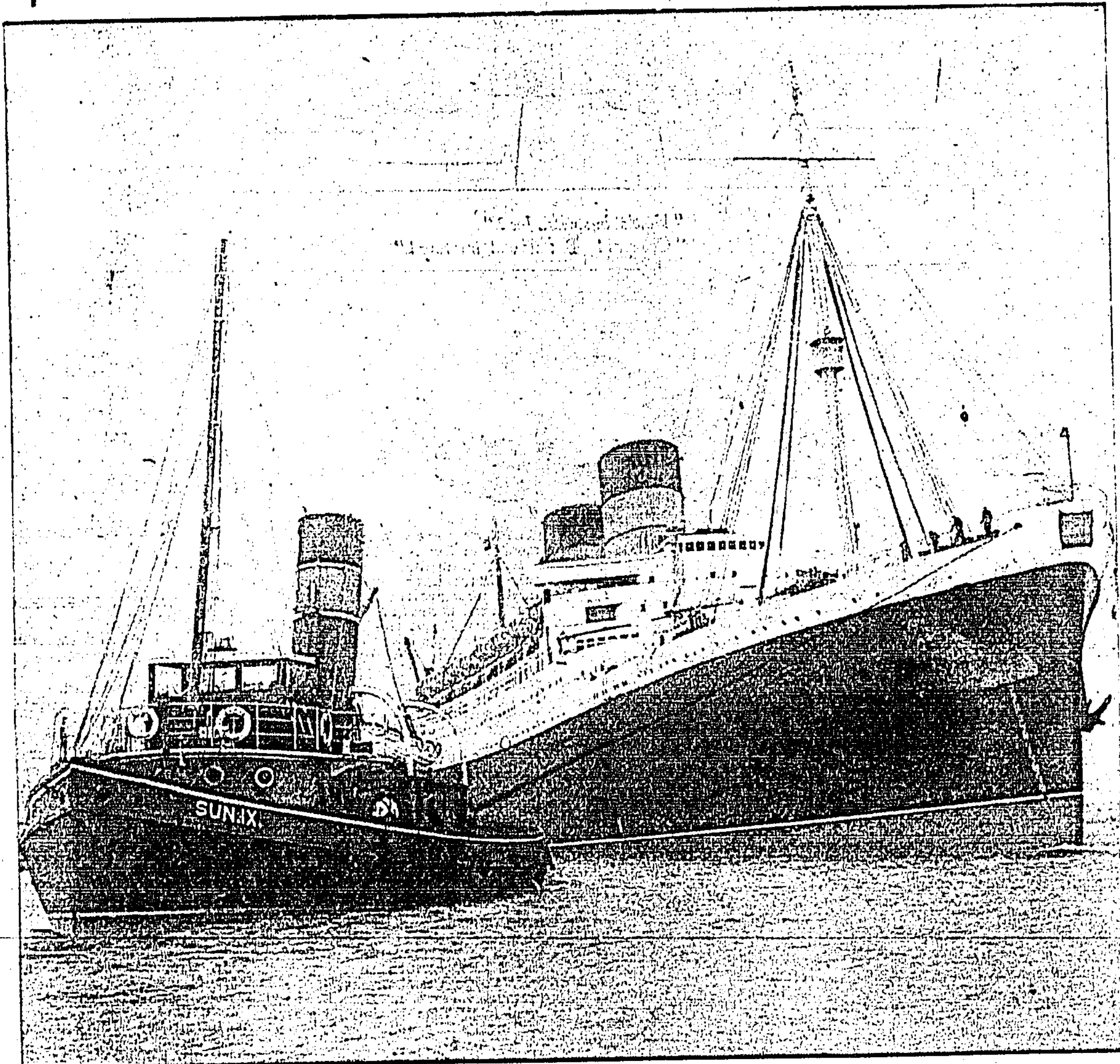
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SHE'S ON HER WAY TO AUSTRALIA



THIS PHOTOGRAPH, hitherto unpublished in Hongkong, shows the 35,000-ton Mauretania, successor of the "Grand Old Lady of the Atlantic" which did such yeoman service transporting troops in the 1914-18 war, as she left England for her maiden voyage across the Atlantic.

The new Mauretania is now en route to Australia, where she will be utilised for conveying Australian and New Zealand troops—the famous Anzacs—to the Middle East.

PIANO WAS POISON TO THIS MUSICIAN

ARNOLD DOLMETSCH is dead—but his work will go on.

His family will continue to hold the annual music festivals at Haslemere in Surrey, which have become famous all over the world.

"It will be the best sort of memorial to him," one of the family said.

Dolmetsch, who died a few days after his 82nd birthday, did not like the world. He refused to live in it all his life.

Terror And Delight

He was an intolerant man, the terror and delight of his very big family. At Haslemere, where they all lived, he created his own world—a world of quiet and beauty, fine craftsmanship in his workshops and French herbs growing in his front garden.

His house was a mixture of museum, workman's bench, and homely cottage. Ancient musical instruments, new ones being made, a table that really groaned, and a little old man like a Rembrandt self-portrait barking prejudices at you between mouthfuls.

Arnold Dolmetsch's self-created job

In life was the rescue from neglect of sixteenth and seventeenth century and earlier music and the instruments on which this music was originally played.

He taught his family to make the instruments as well as play them. From his workshops at Haslemere have come harpsichords, virginals, lutes, viols and recorders which are as lovely to look at as to hear.

Piano Was Poison

Music of any later age he barely tolerated. The piano he hated. "The beastliest instrument the world has ever sneered from," he once said, and to many more beside.

It was his own life-long inability to be idle which caused his death. He broke a blood-vessel by exerting himself too soon after a long illness, and then caught flu.

Two days before the end he was playing the violin sitting up in bed.

MODERN SANDERS RULED 10,000

IN one of the small hotels of Kimberley to-day, I talked with Ex-Sergeant Britz, real-life "Sanders of the River," and learned from him for ten years he ruled alone over 10,000 natives in Caprivi-Zipfel, the tongue of once German South-West Africa which stretches for nearly 200 miles from the Okavanga River to the Zambezi.

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CANADIANS GO TO THE POLLS

OTTAWA, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—Canada goes to the polls to-morrow after what is generally regarded as the dulllest and the most-placid election campaign in Canadian history.

Week-end blizzards in Quebec and Ontario, and a severe weather in Western Canada threaten to curtail popular vote.

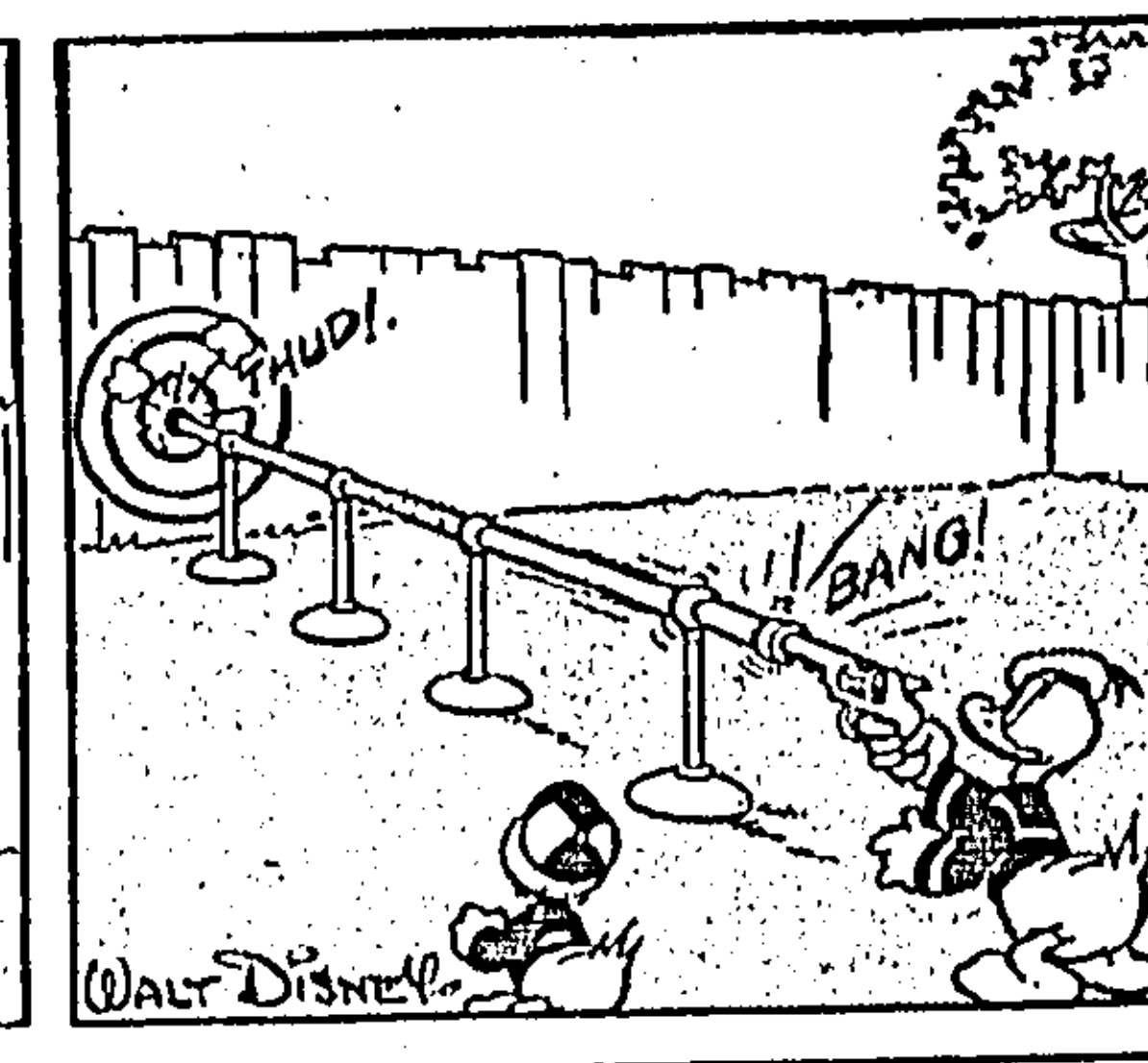
French Canada's vote has remained questionable despite the Liberals' great provincial victory in Quebec last year.

The Liberals have not enunciated a very clear cut programme but have requested a mandate for five years based on their record.

The Opposition Conservatives have been content with attacking the Government's past performance and are advancing rather vague proposals for changes if they win.

The Liberals are still expected to have a clear majority of about 50.

By Walt Disney



Told Detective: "I Was Not Going To Give My Husband Away—You Wouldn't"

Deserter She Hid For Two Months Was Found in False Roof

FOR over two months police searched for a deserter from the Royal Engineers. Several times they visited his house. Each time his wife said he was not there and she did not know where he was. Then he was discovered hiding in the false roof of his home.

To the detective who found him the wife said: "I was not going to give my husband away—you wouldn't."

The story was told at Lincoln police court when the wife, Elsie Tollerton, of Westwick Gardens, Lincoln, was summoned for aiding Sapper Tollerton to conceal himself. The Trap Door That Would Not Open

Police visits to the Tollertons' home were described by Mr. L. C. Rysdale (prosecuting).

Eventually, he said, Detective-Sergeant Needham asked Mrs. Tollerton if she would let him search the house.

She agreed, but requested him to wait while she dressed the baby. She then admitted him.

The detective searched the rooms, but found no clue. He tried to get into the false roof, but could not; someone was standing on the trap-door.

When he did climb to the false roof he found Sapper Tollerton hiding behind a beam in the eaves.

She Kept Him To Get Well

Mrs. Tollerton told the magistrates that her husband was not well when

Leave Saved Him Twice

NORMAN PARSONS' father, who was in the Titanic in 1912. But Norman Parsons still wanted to follow the sea.

He joined the R.N.V.R. He was posted to the minesweeper Aragonite. She struck a mine and sank.

he came home, so she kept him there. When he got better she wanted him to give himself up but he would not do so.

The chairman said that as Mrs. Tollerton did not seem to realise the seriousness of the offence, she would be dealt with leniently.

She was bound over for 12 months and ordered to pay 10s. costs. [Sapper Tollerton had previously been before the court and handed over to a military escort.]

But he was on leave. Then he was posted to the minesweeper Aragonite. She struck a mine and sank. His home is in Wilton Road, Southampton.

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We were swimming, it was cold, then we heard

THE NEXT DANCE NUMBER

will be "Franklin D. Roosevelt Jones," and we

LAUGHED

AS the destroyer Grenville was slipping under the waves men swimming in the sea heard her radio still working. An announcer's voice said: "The next dance number will be Franklin D. Roosevelt Jones."

Survivor Jimmy Boyle, of Springfield, Glasgow, told about it in a Glasgow dance hall. He said: "We all heard it, and we laughed and laughed."

"Our captain was swimming around in the sea, hollering 'Roll out the barrel' at the top of his voice. The whole thing was like a crazy dream."

"I was holding to a spar with three others. We drifted close to the bow of the ship, and saw Sidney Bromfield perched on the port-hole."

"He was cock-a-hoop. He shouted: 'How would you like to be up here nice and dry?'"

"When I looked around after chatting to Sidney I found I was on the spar alone. The others just couldn't keep their grip."

"A boat came along. Some one grabbed me by the hair and yanked me out of the sea."

"I'm here litterbugging tonight to forget those three boys who let go."

The dance band started. "Pardon me," said Seaman Boyle. "I'm giving my brother's girl friend this dance."

Died On Duty --In 1914-18

MEN excavating in the garden of a house far from the British lines in France found the skeleton of a man several feet from the surface.

Attached to the skeleton was a British identity disc bearing the name and unit of a man who was posted as "missing" in the last war.

No one can tell how this soldier of the last war died for his country, but it is thought that he was killed by a shell which caused a trench to collapse on him as he stood at his post.

Find One A Week

The British War Graves Commission will take charge of the skeleton and inter it with the honours due to a brave man. Relatives will be notified as soon as identification is complete.

It is not unusual for bodies to be found in France even now, twenty-two years after the war ended. On an average more than one a week is reported to the War Graves Commission, which has a permanent staff here.

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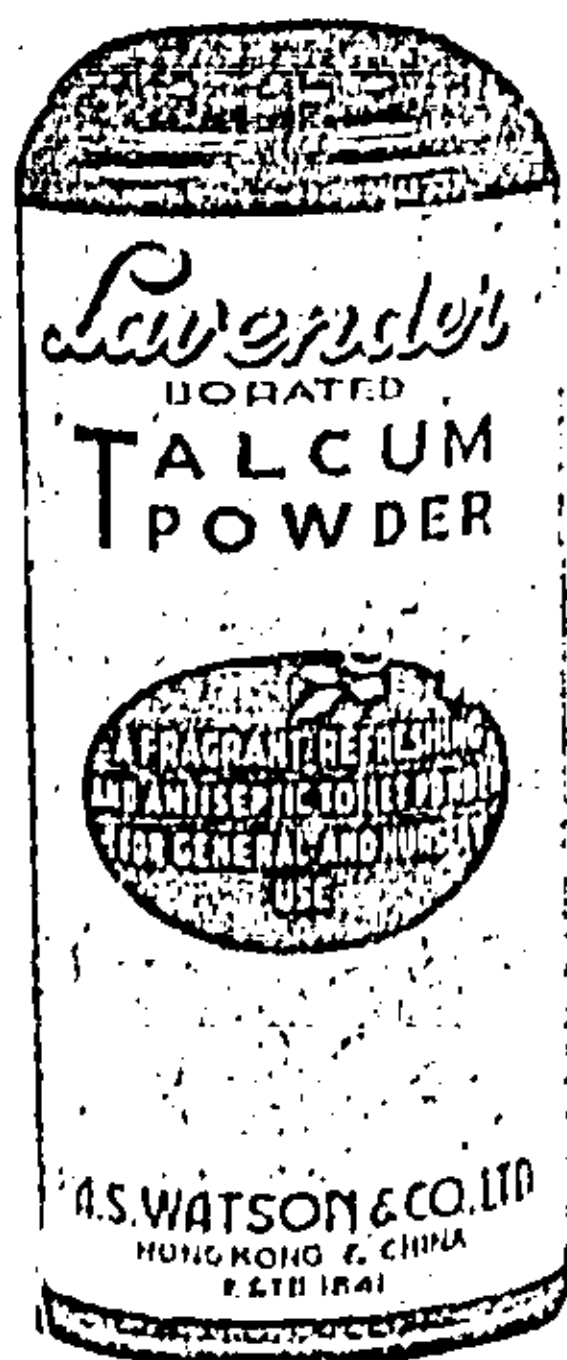
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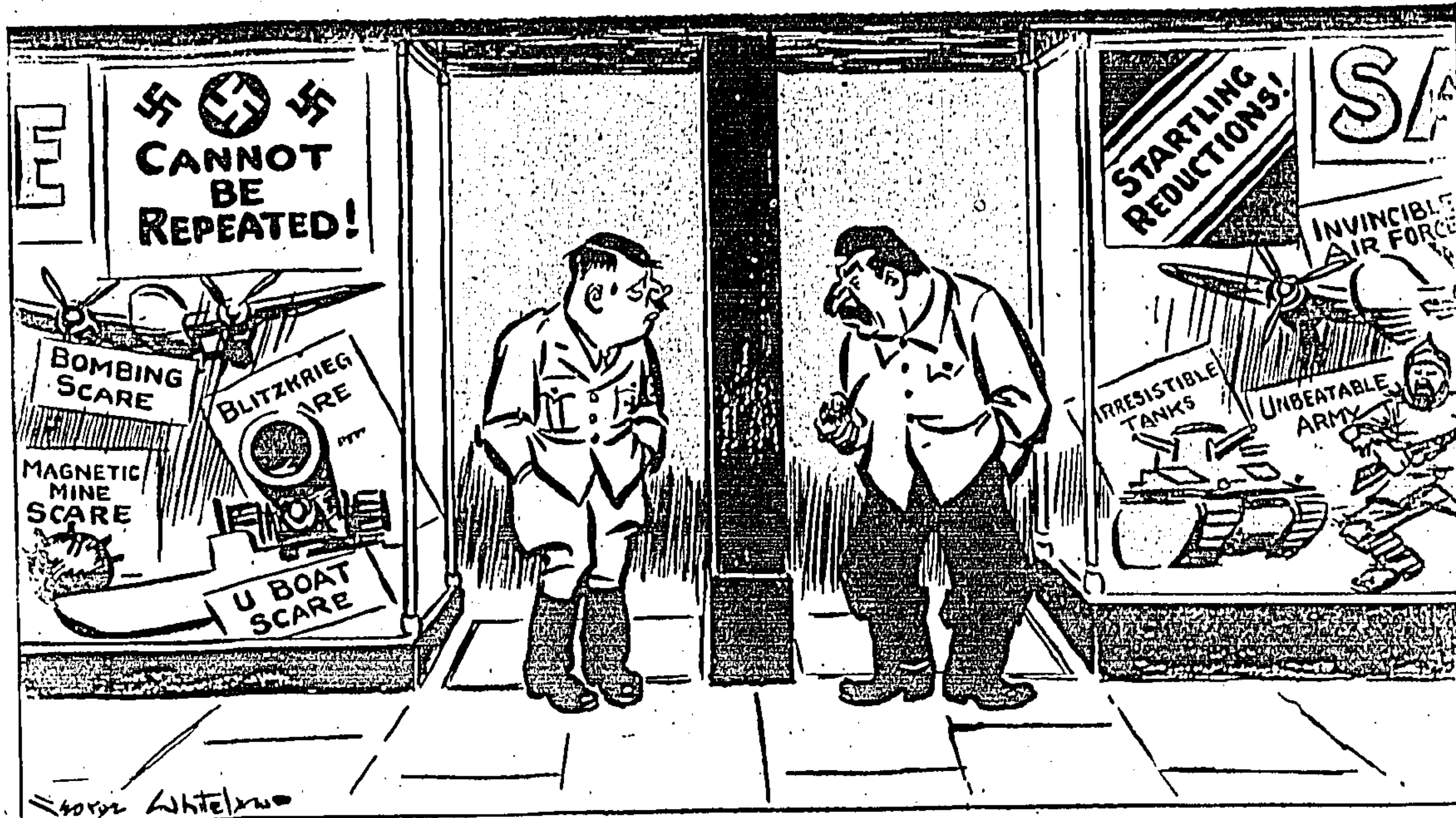
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Three Germanys

Most people outside of Germany, and no doubt many inside, know the Nazi officials for what they are, a horde of blatant careerists who make a living out of the "cause" and have made a good thing of it. They have inherited or taken up the imperialistic spirit which has long been a German characteristic, but they are a different type of men from those who plunged the world into war twenty-five years ago.

An Austrian who is now a refugee in London draws a sharp line of distinction between the two: It was the imperialistic mentality of the ruling classes of Prussia before 1914, he says, which was the principal reason for the outbreak of the Great War. It is again a ruling minority which has brought about this second disaster, but now the prominent leaders of the Nazi party, as well as its most ardent adherents, nearly all belong to the lower middle-class. There are far too many middle-class people striving for the so-called better jobs, and their envy of this country is partly due to the opportunities which the Empire gives to young men of their class.

On the other hand, the German workmen and peasants care nothing about Empire-building. Therefore if war is to be averted in the future, government must be placed in the hands of the peace-loving masses, and the imperialist minority must be convinced that they are unfit to govern other people.

Another contributor to this controversy is Dr. Edwin Bevan. He says that there are not two factors in Germany, the Nazi Government and the German people. There are three factors; first, the ruling Nazis, who hate freedom and trample on the weak. They existed long before the rise of Hitler. The second element is really civilised and liberal in feeling and outlook. If this element came into control again we might have a Germany which would be a friendly and helpful member of a fellowship of nations.

The third element, probably the bulk of the German people, is a docile and credulous mass, easily swayed by the Government in power. If the Nazi Government were replaced by a liberal one, the docile mass might quite well support it; for one characteristic of this mass is to be inclined to think that side right which, actually comes out on the top.

Granddad gave a pledge to Sweden

By Ronald Matthews

I HAVE just been reading a treaty.

It is a treaty between Britain and France on one hand and Sweden on the other. And by it Britain and France bind themselves to defend the integrity of Sweden against Russia.

"Should the Russian Government," it lays down, "make to the Swedish Government any demands aimed at securing... the cession of any territory belonging to the Swedish Government the Swedish Government undertakes to communicate such demands immediately to the British and French Governments."

"The British and French Governments, for their part, undertake to furnish the Swedish Government with naval and military forces... for the purpose of resisting the aggression of Russia."

You rub your eyes. Another Allied guarantee, you may say, and not the least whisper of it to Parliament?

Let me relieve you. I read this treaty, not in the secret archives of the Foreign Office, but in the British Museum.

And I have permitted myself three little simplifications in translating its French text.

In the place of "the Swedish Government" was written "the King of Sweden and Norway," in the place of "the British Government" was written "Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom," and in the place of "the French Government" was written "His Majesty the Emperor of the French."

For the Treaty of Stockholm, drawn up when Victoria was Queen of England, Napoleon III Emperor of France, and when Sweden and Norway were united under a common crown, was signed on November 21, 1855.

It sounds in our ears, for all that, with a curious familiarity to-day. So do even the circumstances of its arrangement. For the trouble that had led the Swedish king to seek his guarantee in 1855 was trouble on the border of Finland.

Britain and France were allies then, of course, in the Crimean war. That did not interest the King of Sweden so much. His worries had started with a dispute over the habits of a migratory tribe of Laps, who were accustomed to pasture their reindeer alternately on one side and on the other of the Norwegian-Finnish frontier.

The Russians, who had annexed Finland from Sweden in 1809, complained that the nomads

herds were eating away to devastation the rich moss pastures on their side of the border. The discussions, as was even then the Russian habit, dragged on interminably. There was an additional question about the right of Russian fishermen to erect buildings in a Norwegian port on the Atlantic that made matters yet more complicated.

Then suddenly—the Russian Government cracked down. It announced that it was going to close the Finnish-Norwegian frontier. The King of Sweden and Norway flew into a panic.

He could not believe that the mere trifling business of the reindeer's moss could have led the Tsar to such a decision. There must be something more behind it.

Russia, which had already had one bite at the Scandinavian cherry when she took Finland, obviously wanted another bite. She wanted a Norwegian port, in fact.

So Oscar I could only turn for aid to the Western Powers, then locked in their own struggle with the colossus of the north.

He never had to call on his guarantors. Equally, the threat from Russia which Sweden and Norway feared was never materialised. But it is no new threat to the northern peoples.

Still, in the beginnings of this century, you could talk to intelli-

gent Norwegians who spoke of the menace of Russian imperialism.

History, till the common people take charge, has a way of running in the same grooves of nationalist tradition. Forms of government may change, but the same magnetic objectives continue to exercise the same drawing power.

And from the beginnings of Russia's emergence as a modern State, her imperialism had always clashed with the now long dead imperialism of the Crown of Sweden.

Their first war broke out as long ago as the end of the fifteenth century, its bone of contention the Swedish Empire on the eastern shore of the Baltic sea. The struggle raged at intervals through the sixteenth, when a Swedish ruler was king for a while of Poland, and all but succeeded to the Tsar's throne, too.

It continued in the seventeenth, when Gustavus Adolphus, "the Lion from Midnight," annexed the ground on which Leningrad now stands. For Sweden then was a great Power, the champion of the Protestant cause in Europe, the equal in prestige of any of the Continent's kingdoms.

It flickered down in the eighteenth after Charles XII of Sweden, his march on Moscow turned back, was ruinously defeated in the Ukraine.

And then the Russian tide—the tide of a Russia crammed into artificial adolescence by Peter the Great—began to flow west.

It is still flowing, apparently, to-day. The historic pattern seems on the point of repetition.

For the dreary age-old patterns of national enmities and racial struggle will continue to repeat themselves on the web of time until democracy rules in every land.

The story of Mr. Hymack

by P. L. Mannock

QUINTON McPHERSON has died. Does that mean anything to you?

No? Then—Mr. Hymack is dead. Does that mean anything, either?

If the answer again is "No," you are either young, or you have a short memory, or an important part of your education was neglected.

For 20 years ago, Mr. Hymack was famous on the music halls, and Mr. Hymack's real name was Quinton McPherson. Under that name his death, aged 69, in Clapham, is now announced by a theatrical paper.

Mr. Hymack's was one of the most original acts ever seen in variety. I saw it often.

He never spoke, danced or sang. As he strolled onto the stage, doing casual things, the weirdest changes would suddenly happen to his natty clothes.

His blue waistcoat would go yellow. His spats would turn from black to pink. On his topper a vivid green hatband would flash into being. His hands, withdrawn from his pockets, would be in scarlet gloves. Tie, handkerchief and cuffs, all figured in these instantaneous magical transformations, at which he seemed as bewildered as the audience.

How was it done? Some elaborate system of invisible threads and springs, the secret of which was known only to himself and his wife. She it was who prepared everything before he went on. It took her over an hour every time. Nothing ever went wrong.

One day she died. "Mr. Hymack," as an act, ended there and then. Grief-stricken, and robbed of his indispensable help, he lost heart. He vowed no one else would take her place. Nobody ever did.

Work grew scantier. Ill-luck pursued him to the end of his days. Many months ago I met him playing an "extra" part for a day in a Jessie Matthews' film on location up the Thames.

Now and again there would come a burst of comparative prosperity—some weeks on tour or a series of nine-studio "calls."

From time to time, friends would urge him to revive the act—the Chameleon Comedian, as it used to be billed.

He always refused.

Now he is dead—forgotten by so many of those he amused and mystified, and less than a name to the new generation.

He was one of the last, and certainly the most unusual, of the "quick-change" artists, followers of Fregoli, Ugo Biondi and R. A. Roberts.

Does anyone know his secret, even to-day? Did he ever disclose his methods, even after he had discarded them? I wonder.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"You give 'em 500 gallons—Mac can polish up the pumps and I'll wash his windows and tidy up the place."

BRITAIN RECEIVES NORWAY'S PROTEST

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—Norway has protested to the British Government about the alleged violations of her neutrality by a British aeroplane.

A further protest about the incidents involving British warships is now being prepared in Oslo.

It is understood that the main complaint against the British warships is that they entered Norwegian waters to intercept German ships. Two or three such incidents are named.

German propaganda is making its usual outcry for all the world to hear as though Germany were the only true champion of neutral rights. No information on the subject is available from official quarters in London, but the Diplomatic Correspondent of the BBC comments that it seems a little ridiculous that the German wireless and press should take up the subject of Norwegian neutrality.

One would think, he said, that the British and the French were the only people who had never shown any respect for the rights of the neutrals, but seven months of war have left no doubt as to who is the enemy of neutral rights.

There has been no British action or bombing against neutrals. No British planes have bombed or machine-gunned neutral merchant ships.

No British magnetic mines have been laid indiscriminately on trade routes which are the lifelines of the neutrals.

It was not the French and British policy which forced Finland to capitulate to Soviet aggression. It was the German threats to the neutrals and the neutral fear of them.

The Norwegian Government, he goes on, will not forget whatever complaints it makes to Britain that only two days ago it protested to Berlin about the brutal Nazi sea warfare which sinks Norwegian ships and has killed Norwegian seamen.

Only last week Mr. Chamberlain reminded the neutrals that they would not find security in the assumption that it did not matter who won the war.

Britain and France are fighting an unscrupulous enemy who respects no rights but force. The Allies are doing their utmost to respect the rights of the neutrals. Not a single neutral life has been lost by British action.

Protest Received Last Week
LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—No representations concerning allegations of British infringement of Norwegian neutrality have been received through the Norwegian Legation in London since last week.

Prior to the end of last week, representations were received by the Foreign Office which were concerned, in the main, with alleged cases of infringement of Norwegian neutrality by British aircraft.

These representations are now the subject of investigations by the appropriate British authorities.

"Reuter" understands that the Norwegian representations were received about Thursday last.

Alleged activities by British ships played some part in these representations but the main contentions hinged upon aerial activities.

BRITISH SEIZE TURKISH SHIP

British warships to-day seized the Turkish steamer Sakarya (2,612 tons) and took it to Beyruth on the grounds that it had taken 2,000 Jews from Constanza, Rumania, and landed them clandestinely in Palestine. The Turkish Government says they are making representations to the British Government for the release of the steamer.—United Press.

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HUNGER STRIKE IN DUBLIN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
DUBLIN, March 25 (UP).—Seven I.R.A. prisoners to-day entered the 30th day of their hunger strike in Arbourhill Military Prison as a protest against their imprisonment by the Eire Government.

Strong forces of police and troops are being maintained throughout Ulster.

The strikers, weak and emaciated, are led by Sean MacCurtain, who is awaiting trial for the murder of Detective John Roche in Cork on January 3 this year.

Too Weak For Trial

DUBLIN, Mar. 25 (UP).—The strike leader Sean MacCurtain appeared before a Military Tribunal last week but he was so weak that it was decided to postpone his trial until April 2.

The seven strikers first refused to take food while in Mountjoy Civil Prison, saying that they would continue to fast until they were removed to military custody. The Government granted their request after ten days, but on reaching Arbourhill Military Prison the men continued to strike as a protest against the military actions of the Eire Government.

Related To Famed Revolutionary

One of the strikers is John Plunkett, son-in-law of the Irish revolutionary leader Count Plunkett. John's brother, Joseph, is one of the signatories to the proclamation of the Irish Republic which signalled the opening of the Easter Rebellion in 1917. Joseph was executed by the British and he is buried in a little graveyard outside Arbourhill Prison.

Miss Fiona Plunkett, sister of John and Joseph, protested at the cemetery when Premier De Valera laid a wreath on the grave of the executed leader of the rebellion.

Second Strike This Year

Each hunger striker has a small cell to himself with little room to exercise, but he is allowed the opportunity to learn the Irish language.

This is the second hunger strike in Eire this year. Three other I.R.A. strikers were released after a strike lasting 28 days although Mr. De Valera had previously told the Dail that he could not release them.

Would Have Intervened

Berlin, Mar. 25.
It is officially admitted that Germany would have intervened if Allied troops had been landed in Sweden.

The German News Agency states that Germany left no doubt that the transport of British and French troops across Norway and Sweden and intervention by these countries in accordance with British demands would have been the first act of widening the theatre of war which would have been a threat to Germany from the north. Germany was determined to react to such an event.

Defences in Sweden

Stockholm, Mar. 25.
The Swedish Defence Minister stated to-day that whether or not Sweden joined in a defensive alliance with the Scandinavian countries she must increase her defences. Sweden would triple her air force in the next two years, while the navy would be enlarged as quickly as warships could be purchased. Aerodromes and coastal fortresses would be built.

Since the war Sweden had spent an additional £41,000,000 on national defences, and reservists had been given more training.

The Defence Minister gave a warning to Communists in Sweden that Communism would be wiped out by democratic means.—Reuter Bulletin.

Concessions Return

"Asahi Shimbun" Approves Muto's Statement

Tokyo, Mar. 25.
The Asahi Shimbun to-day approved Major-General Akira Muto's statement in the Lower House on Friday declaring that Japan would take "appropriate steps" in the event of third Powers failing to follow Japan's intended surrender of Concessions in China.

The paper says that the Government should extend vigorous assistance to the new Chinese regime when it launches abolition of unilateral treaties including the restituting of foreign Concessions. It urges the Wang Ching-wei Government to pay special attention to the Chinese settlement of peace and order are quickly returning to North China.

Foreign settlements and concessions in China represent the existence of unequal relations between China and foreign nations and as long as they exist in the vital areas, the independence or new order in China could not be hoped for, according to the paper.

German Claims In Sylt Raid

BERLIN, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—The claim that six British planes were shot down in the raid over Sylt on the night of March 18 is made in a war commentary issued to-day by the German News Agency, which says that during the last few days bodies and wreckage from further British planes have been washed up on the northern islands.

Careful investigation has shown that the wreckage belongs to at least three other planes, which added to the three reported with certainty as having been shot down, makes six.

Sir Kingsley Wood, Air Minister, stated in the House of Commons on Wednesday that with one exception all the aircraft taking part in the Sylt attack returned safely to their bases.

The "Times" On Wang

His Difficulties In Forming New Govt.

LONDON, Mar. 25 (British Wireless).—The "Times" devoted a leading article to-day to events in the Far East, of which the most important is the inauguration next Sunday of the "new Chinese regime" to be styled National Government of China under the rule of Mr. Wang Ching-wei and the control of Japan.

The editorial describes how "the conference of delegates from the occupied provinces of China and Inner Mongolia with Mr. Wang himself and heads of the 'reformed' or client administrations of Peiping and Nanking met last week at the latter city to organise the new government."

It adds: They were naturally well-guarded, for it is clear that the Japanese Government and the army are entirely committed to this experiment."

Many Obstacles
Tracing the obstacles which have had to be met in preparing the stage for what, citing the words of its own correspondent, it calls "a carefully-planned peace move," which the Japanese Government believe will completely change the situation for them in China, the "Times" says that chief among many difficulties of Mr. Wang himself "was and is the reluctance of many Chinese to regard him as anything but a deserter."

But he had also to reckon with the usual divisions of opinion between the Japanese Army and the Japanese Government.

Commenting on Admiral Yonai's recent statement on the new administration, the "Times" thinks that from the point of view of foreign nations, which have important commercial interests in China and are unable to exercise any direct influence in favour of a just peace so far, omissions from this statement are more significant than its contents.

It calls attention to the manifesto which Mr. Wang recently issued at Shanghai in which he stated that foreign rights and interests would be respected and protected by the Government which he proposed to form, and that foreign capital would be invited to China. It finds it significant that there was no reference to this statement in Admiral Yonai's remarks.

Britain-Japan

Cessation Of Aid To China Sought

Tokyo, Mar. 25.
Japanese reports state that Major General Akira Muto, Director of the Bureau for Military Affairs, on Friday said that Japan is continuing negotiations with Britain in an effort to achieve a clearer definition of the terms of the Anglo-Japanese understanding of last summer in which Britain recognised a state of war in North China.

He intimated that there had recently been a dispute over the exact definition of the terms and explained: "We consider it necessary to clarify the meaning of the fundamental principles in future negotiations."

Japan's version of the understanding, he said, meant that Britain in future will "abandon interference with Japanese military operations and abandon assistance to the Chiang Kai-shek regime."

He avoided replying to a question as to whether the Japanese Government believes that Britain is complying with this version, pointing out that an answer depends upon the viewpoint taken. He added that the local Japanese commander at Tientsin is not empowered to take the Concessions by force and that "this would be possible only upon orders from the Emperor."—United Press.

BALKANS' DANGER

FROM PAGE ONE

by determination and force to stand up against aggression.
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Reg., Mar. 26, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., Mar. 26, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 1st April.
K. P. O.
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Ord., Mar. 26, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg., Mar. 26, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., Mar. 26, 7.00 p.m.
Saigon and parcels only for Straits, Ceylon, Egypt and Marseilles—due Marseilles 26th April.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Par., Mar. 26, 3 p.m.
Ord., Mar. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 17th April.

Wednesday, Mar. 27

Hoihow and Haiphong Mar. 27, 1.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 4th April.
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Ord., Mar. 27, 5.30 p.m.
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Reg., Mar. 27, 5.00 p.m.
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Thursday, Mar. 28

Canton Mar. 28, 7.15 a.m.
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Saigon, Madang, Salamaua, and Rabaul Mar. 28, 3.30 p.m.
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Fort Bayard and Haiphong Mar. 28, 1.30 p.m.
Saigon, Madang, Salamaua, and Rabaul Mar. 28, 3.30 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 29

Fort Bayard and Hoihow Mar. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin Mar. 29, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 5th April.
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Ord., Mar. 29, 5.30 p.m.
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Reg., Mar. 29, 5 p.m.
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Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 28th April.
K.P.O.
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Ord., Mar. 29, 5.30 p.m.
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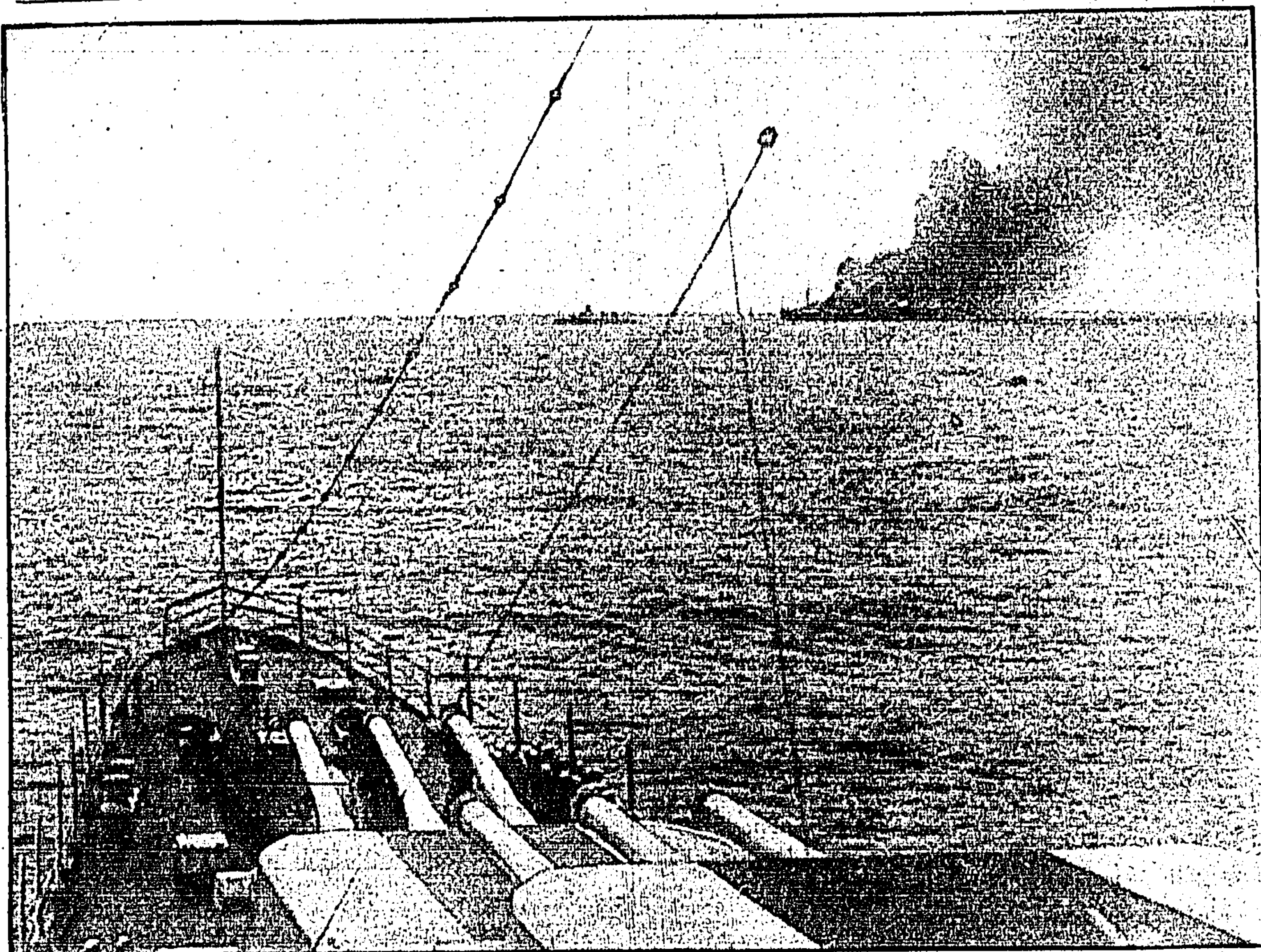
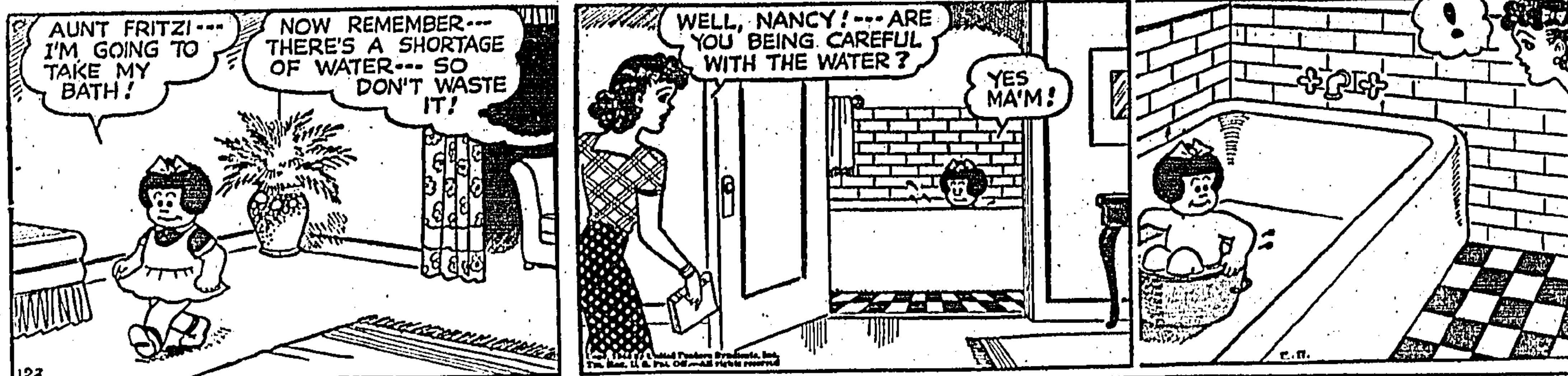
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ANOTHER SCUTTLE: LAST OF COLUMBUS



ELECTRIC CURE FOR INSANITY

ELECTRIC shock, applied to the brain, has been demonstrated by two independent groups of British doctors as a method of curing mental disorder.

By coincidence, both the "British Medical Journal" and "The Lancet" carry accounts of this dramatic new process of healing minds. One comes from the Burden Neurological Institute and the other from Warlingham Park Hospital.

The methods are similar. Electrodes are clamped to the skull. These are pads, through which the electric charge is transmitted into the brain. High tension voltage, varying from 80 to 160 volts according to the pre-determined needs of the patient, is applied.

The shock produces a convulsion. The patient becomes unconscious. He recovers within a few minutes, with no memory of the shock or of the preliminaries. Where higher voltages are necessary the effect of an epileptic fit is produced.

Both groups of research-workers have found that the method is safe, without ill-effects afterwards. The method is simple and does not need

highly skilled operators. Apparatus need not be expensive.

It is well-known to mental experts that a severe shock, whether physical or psychological, can lead to a rapid improvement in cases of mental disorder.

"Split minds" have been coordinated by shock-injections of insulin or of the powerful drug cardiazol. Both methods involved risks. The Board of Control report last year included ten deaths from cardiazol treatment.

Dr. Wexman, Syracuse University student, reported these findings in a survey as a part of her speech studies.

President Roosevelt ranks third, she disclosed, with one "T" in every 100 words. Winston Churchill's average was one in 160. Premier Daladier's one in 234, and Prime Minister Chamberlain's one in 240.

Modern ships are built in small vertical compartments. Fresh air is delivered by power to every remote corner. It is changed many times an hour.

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HERE are the first pictures of the sinking of the Nazi liner Columbus, scuttled by her crew off the United States coast. They were taken from the United States cruiser Tuscaloosa.

At the top, the Columbus is seen blazing fiercely just before she sank, while the British warship which had chased her stands by.

Below, the Nazi crew rowing in lifeboats to the Tuscaloosa, which took 579 survivors to New York.

British Warships Are So Healthy, Say Doctors

BRITISH warships are healthy places to live in.

According to an article in the current issue of the British Medical Journal, they are models of hygiene.

"The vast revolution in hygienic practice which has taken place in civilized countries is nowhere better illustrated than in ships of war."

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Parents Reclaim Adopted Basques

TWO people are facing, heartbroken, the fact that they may have to lose their adopted children from Spain.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mayers, of Bampton-drive, Ruislip Manor, Middlesex. Childless themselves, they have been father and mother for two years to two little Basque refugees who were believed to have been orphaned in the Spanish war.

Now they have received news that the real parents are alive and want their children back.

Great Shock

"It has come as a dreadful shock," Mr. Mayers said.

"We have grown to love the children so. We have called them Peggy and Molly, and they won't believe their parents are still alive."

"They came to England when Bilbao was besieged three years ago, and went to a camp in Yorkshire. They wrote four times to their mother, but got no reply."

"A year later they heard that their parents were dead. We were told of the children's plight and legally adopted them."

May Fight It

"We cannot find out where the parents are and are waiting for more news. I suspect the father is a political prisoner at the moment."

"We do not want to let the children go back as they are very happy here. There may be a legal fight for their guardianship."

Peggy is eight years old and Molly is seven.

This Story Is About A Waitress, A Train And A Prince

TWO Swedish officers in a first-class sleeping car were astonished when a little waitress pushed open their door and said: "Please tell me what to do."

Breathless, she explained that there had been a crowd in the restaurant at the last station. Passengers had so little time for their coffee that many of them left without paying.

So she jumped on the train to collect her money—and the train moved off.

One of the officers, tall, dark, good-looking, sprang up. "I'll help you," he said.

Together they walked down the entire train. The officer woke up passengers in the sleeping cars and collected coffee money from those who owed it.

Afterwards the girl thanked him. "A pleasure," he assured her.

Then somebody on the train told the waitress the name of the helpful officer. He was Prince Gustav Adolf, thirty-six-year-old son of Sweden's Crown Prince.

EASTER CRICKET WASHED-OUT

had taken an hour and a half to score a hundred for four wickets.

After

At the time of sending these notes there appears no chance of cricket to-day (Saturday morning). But I should mention that we went into committee over the point I raised in the last paragraph while refreshing the inner man after the game. There is nothing in the rules—not even the statement that the runner must be dressed as the batsman for whom he runs i.e. pads gloves etc. But this is always done, now at any rate, and I rather think my first point is a matter of etiquette.

It stands to reason that it is a sound proposition in the case of men who are capable of making hundreds and then being wanted to send down ten or twenty overs. A bit of wangling would be very useful though of course it would hardly ever happen.

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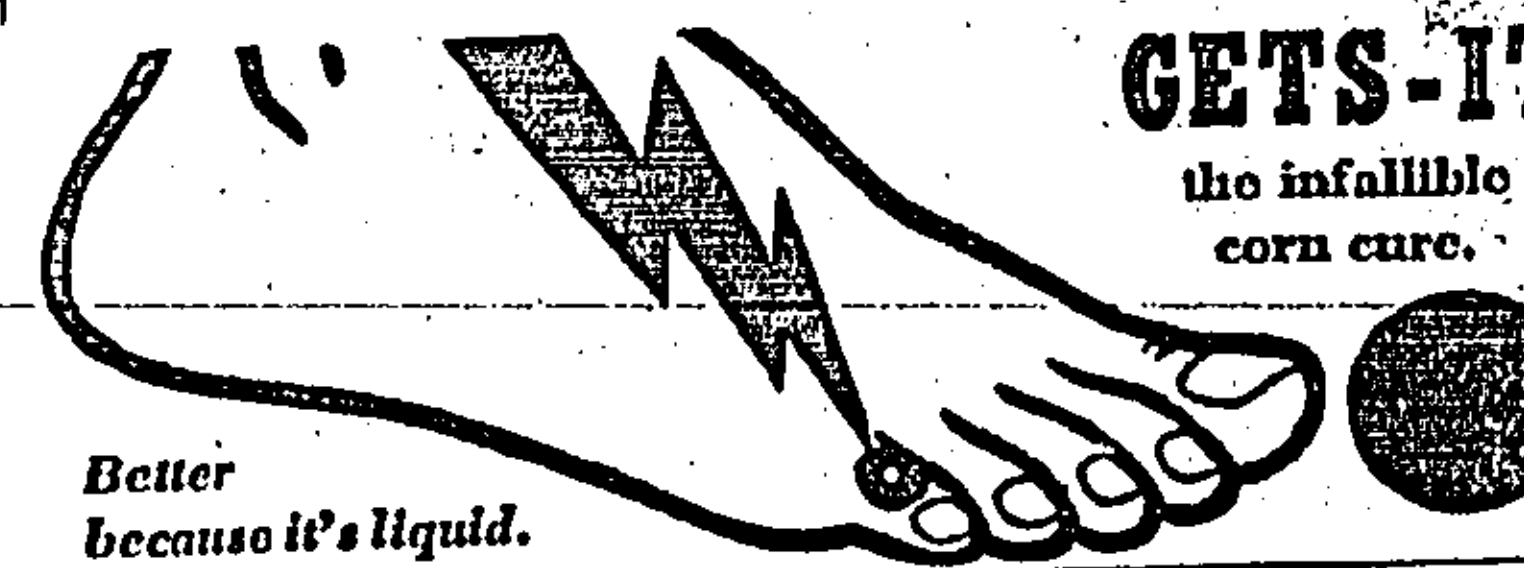
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**Soldiers
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boots before her skating act.

SYLVIA TO GAG PEACE TALK

MISS SYLVIA PANKHURST, FAMOUS SUFFRAGETTE
AND FORMER PACIFIST (SHE WAS FINED DURING THE LAST
WAR FOR MAKING ANTI-WAR SPEECHES), IS CONSIDERING
THE FORMATION OF A CITIZEN ARMY TO WAGE WAR ON
PEACE-MONGERS.

But her army will not be started unless she is first assured of
considerable civilian support.

She said: "I believe that the war with Germany is going to
be Britain's greatest task."

"At first it seemed that the whole country was united to
face the great struggle. Since then considerable disaffection
has shown itself."

"I believe that some sort of organisation is urgently required
to educate the people on the great issues at stake, and the great
struggle we shall have to make to stop the spread of aggression
and tyranny."

Recently she advertised her aims
unanimously in the personal columns
of the national Press, and corre-
sponded with many sympathisers.

Resigned

Until November last she was Vice-
President of the London Federation
of Peace Councils.

She resigned when the Federation
endorsed Stalin's suggestion of an un-
conditional peace conference with
Hitler.

Soon afterwards she wrote a sharp
note to Stalin, which he did not
answer.



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Court Rules Parliament May Abolish Appeals

OTTAWA.—Canada took a
long step toward final indepen-
dence of its courts—a step
toward breaking the remaining
link which has bound the
judicial system of the Dominion
to that of Great Britain.

The Supreme Court of Canada
ruled that the Canadian Parlia-
ment has the right to abolish
appeals to the Judicial Commit-
tee of the Privy Council, in
London.

The present system—which makes
the Privy Council the court of final
appeal in many important Canadian
actions—has been the subject of de-
bate for many years. Criminal cases
are no longer appealed to London,
but constitutional cases have been
subject to the review of Westminster.

Abolish All Appeals

At the last session of the Canadian
Legislature, a bill was introduced by
C. H. Cahan (Conservative) which
would abolish all appeals. Its
purpose would be to make the Supreme
Court of Canada the final authority,
just as the Supreme Court of the
United States acts south of the bor-
der.

One discussion marked the
Supreme Court's decision on the
legislation. Justice O. F. Corbett
held that alteration of the British
North America Act—the Canadian
Constitution—to abolish appeals to
the Privy Council, was beyond the
authority of Parliament. The
majority of the court, however, held
the action to be within parliamentary
competence.

The entire question is interpreted
in Canadian circles as readjusting,
rather than loosening the bonds of
Empire. There has been a progres-
sive effort to place the Canadian
courts in an autonomous position—a
movement paralleling the political
independence of the individual mem-
bers of the British Commonwealth
which was signalled in the Statute
of Westminster in 1931.

Rulings Criticized

One major reason advanced for
the abolition of appeals has been
that the Law Lords who serve as
the Judicial Committee of the Privy
Council have been far removed from
Canadian judicial practice. Many
decisions, it is charged, have been
reached without intimate knowledge
of Canadian conditions and of the
evolving practices which have had
the effect of materially modifying
interpretations of the Dominion's
constitutional law.

The provinces of Canada, how-
ever, have not been unanimous in
their attitude toward the projected
abolition of appeals to the Crown.
Manitoba, for example, supported
the Dominion Government's conten-
tion that Canada had the right to
abolish the appeal. Ontario, on the
other hand, contended that the mea-
sure was a direct attempt to invade
fields of legislation assigned to the
Provinces. A factor in this opinion
is that some of the most important
legislation of recent years, involving
division of authority between the
Provincial and Federal Governments,
has been decided by the Privy Coun-
cil in favour of the provinces.

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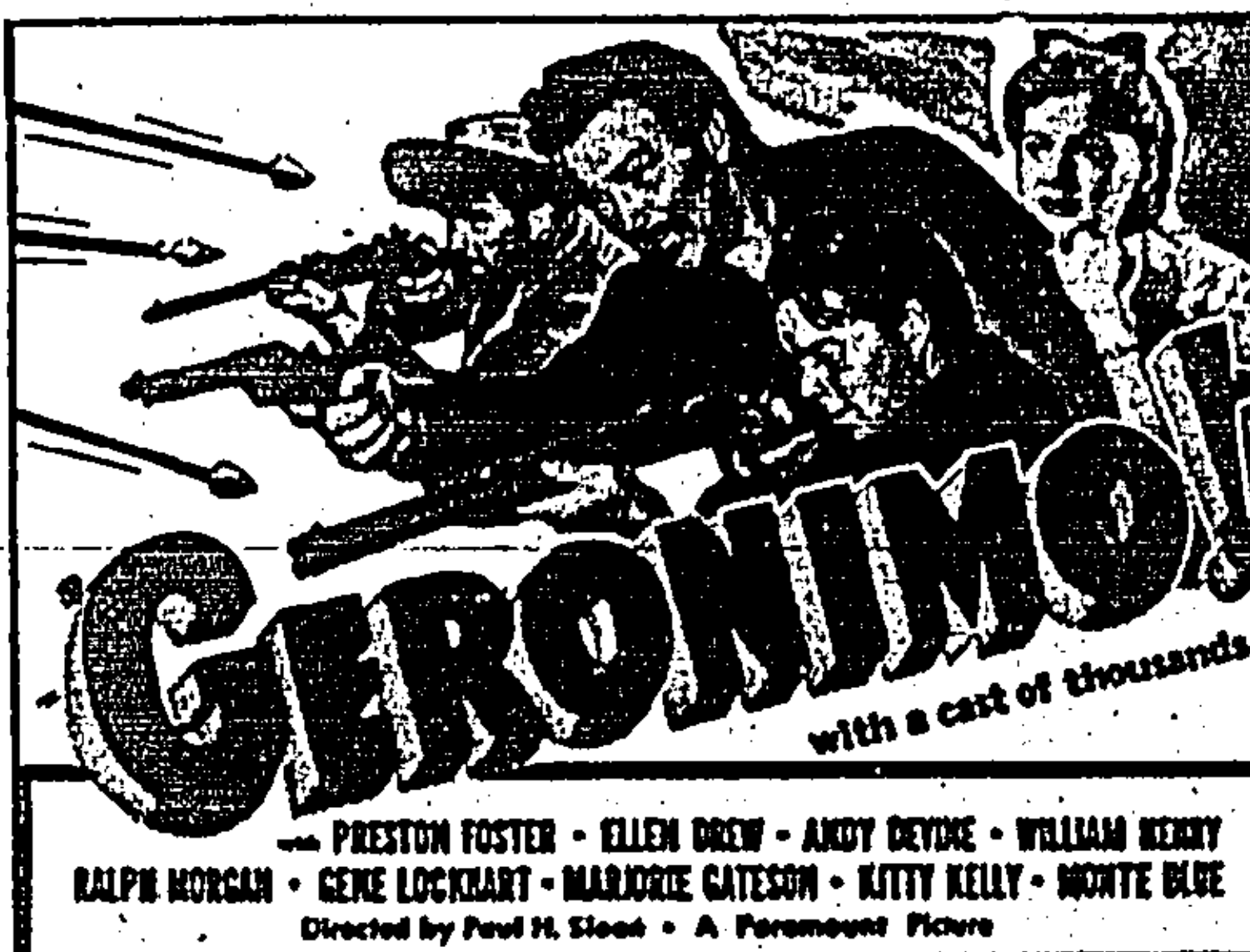
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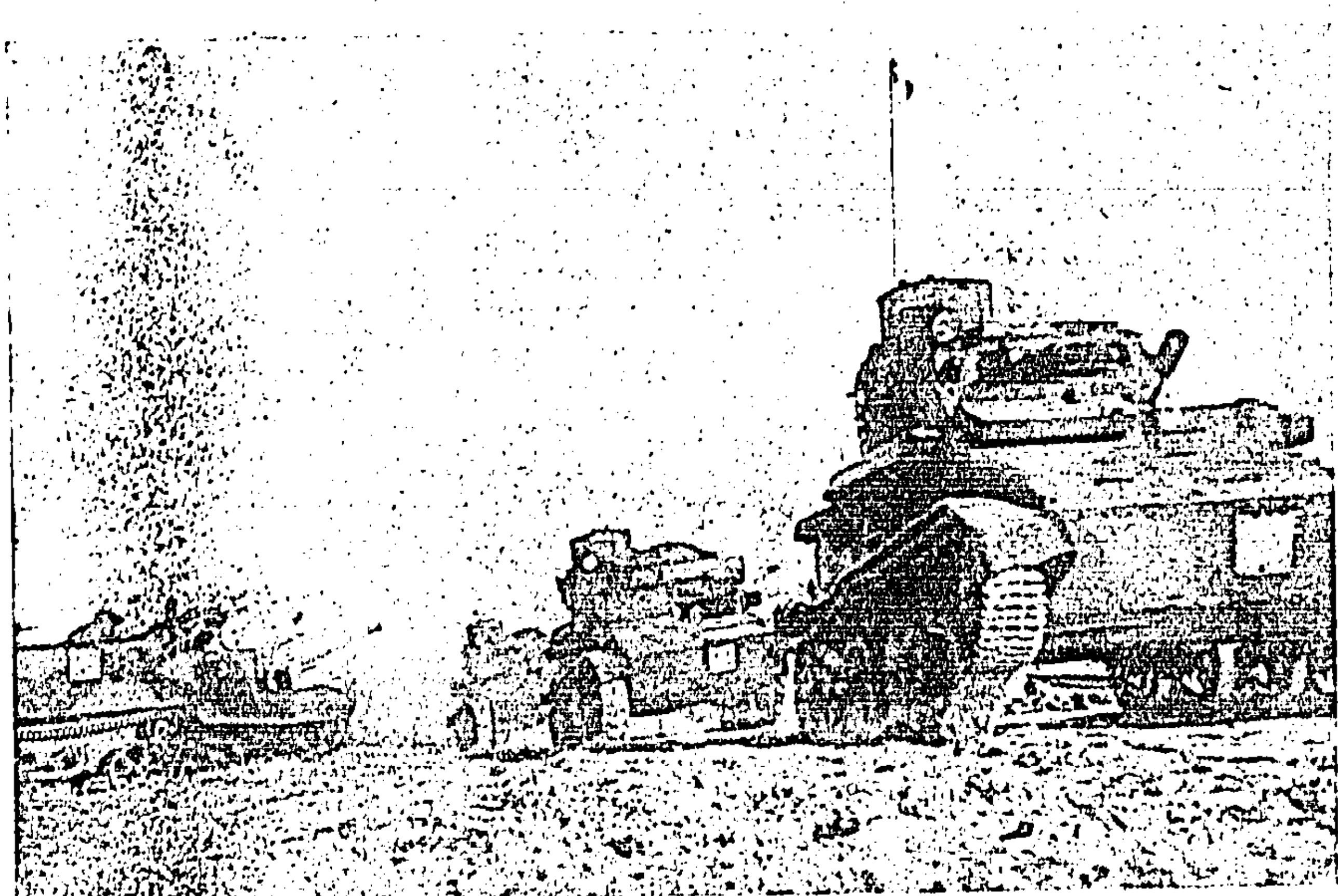
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Britain's Reply To Hitler's Threat Was

RECORD EASTER CROWDS AT ALL THE HOLIDAY RESORTS

LONDON, Mar. 25 (British Wireless).—The railways report record holiday traffic, and sea coast and other resorts have been very full over Easter.

Brighton, which is estimated to have received over 500,000 extra visitors at the week-end, claims to have been busier than ever before in its history.

SHIP IN DISTRESS

Japanese Warship To The Rescue

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HOIHOW, Mar. 26 (Domei).—A Panama steamer is in distress off the Luichow Peninsula.

According to reports, the steamer Sanaco (5,000 tons) struck a reef five miles off the southwestern tip of Luichow at 4 p.m. on March 25.

The ship was en route to Shanghai from Haiphong.

S.O.S. signals were picked up by a Japanese warship which rushed to the scene and is now carrying out rescue operations in heavy seas.

MANY MINE EXPLOSIONS

Cheung Chau Island In Danger Area

THE REVELATION that no less than seven mines exploded on Good Friday alone has been made as a result of enquiries by "Telegraph" reporters.

All of these explosions occurred in the vicinity of Cheung Chau Island, fortunately without causing any damage or loss of life.

At least two other explosions occurred on Saturday and one on Sunday.

The breaking away of these mines is attributed to heavy seas which have been experienced outside the sheltered harbour limits lately.

It is emphasised in this connection that the prevailing currents carry the mines in the general direction of Cheung Chau Island.

LATEST NAZI ALLEGATION

BERLIN, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—The Edmund Hugo Stinnes was torpedoed by a British submarine in Danish waters, according to the German High Command.

The Nazis also accuse British warships and planes of bombing in Danish and Norwegian waters in an attempt to cut German trade routes. British planes violated Dutch territory eight times in returning from night flights, say the Nazis.

TEHERAN, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—A treaty of commerce between Iran and the Soviet Union has been signed.

U.S. WARPLANES FOR ALLIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (UP).—The U.S. Secretary for War, together with the Chiefs of Staff of the Army, Navy and Air Corps, have agreed on a broad policy to divert for sale to Britain and France between 500 and 600 new model planes being made for the United States Army and Navy.

The Senate Military Affairs Committee is today considering Senator La Follette's resolution asking for an inquiry into Allied plane purchases, charging that they have delayed orders placed by the United States.

DEMAND PEACE

Australian Labourites
Cause Furore

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 26 (UP).—The Sydney Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" states that the New South Wales Labour Party has adopted a motion demanding an immediate and just peace.

This is interpreted as a demand for peace at any price, according to the correspondent.

The N.S.W. Labour Party, which is led by J. T. Lang, is a breakaway organisation opposed by the Federal and other State Labour organisations. It has been in the wilderness in N.S.W. and Federal politics since Lang was ousted from office six years ago and has been notable for the amount of dissension in its ranks since then.

Upstairs Meeting
The caucus at which the anti-war motion was carried was an upstairs meeting. The motion conflicts with the attitude of Federal Labour and of other State Labour parties, which demand that the war be fought until Hitlerism ends in Europe.

During the caucus, the meeting was invaded by sixty members of the A.I.F. who demanded to see the "communists" responsible for the "Hands Off Russia" policy. The Australian soldiers were persuaded by police not to wreck the meeting.

Newsman's Expulsion

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—No official report has yet been received here about the expulsion from Rumania of Mr. M. H. Lovell, Reuter's chief correspondent for the Balkans.

As soon as a full statement is received from the British Legation at Bucharest an investigation will be held into the matter.

Ford's Grandson To Take Holy Orders

NEW YORK, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—Henry Ford III, grandson of Mr. Henry Ford, is about to enter the Catholic Church and is now receiving instruction.

Aged 23, he is a senior of Yale University and a director of the Ford Motor Company.

SOVIET GUARANTEE FOR BALKANS

Hungarian Government Admits Negotiations Now Proceeding

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—According to the Budapest radio, the newspaper, "Pester Lloyd," mouth-piece of the Hungarian Government, admitted that discussions concerning a Russian guarantee for the States in south-eastern Europe are proceeding.

Commenting on Count Teleki's talks in Rome, the paper referring to the report that such a guarantee was one of the topics, says it is true that conversations of this nature have been proceeding.

"It is further a fact that the effect on south-eastern Europe of German-Russian-Italian co-operation was discussed, but there is no reason for Italy to indulge in undue haste. Italy's policies are founded on sound principles and Italy, therefore, is in a position to wait as long as she wants to wait."

Balkans' Danger

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—The lull in the Nazi propaganda after the dark hints of something big breaking over Easter was the subject of comment in the Home Press to-day.

Commenting on the Hitler-Mussolini meeting at the Brenner Pass, the "Manchester Guardian" says that "whenever dictators meet, there is a hullabaloo, if nothing else. Such tactics are an integral part of Nazi technique."

The paper warns, however, that rumours are not always false. "The Labour paper 'Daily Herald,' takes a somewhat similar view. Dr. Goebbels, it says, has promised us that the whole face of Europe would be changed this week-end. Well, it looks much the same. There has been no earthquake."

The French and the British peoples, however, are absolutely determined that their two countries should be active and alert.

Bullying And Intriguing

Hitler has not attacked the Balkans yet, but his emissaries are bullying and intriguing. This time the French and British Governments have been forewarned. They must be prepared for any emergency.

The "News Chronicle" says that the diplomatic struggle now in progress may have as great effects on the war as a major military campaign.

Germany has a side door and a back door in the Baltic and the Balkans. The side door is almost sealed up, but the back door is very much open. That accounts for the German activity there.

But the Allies are stronger there than in the Baltic. If the Balkans are not to be lost, the Allies must make sure of them. Their military and financial resources are impressive.

Instruments Of Torture

The "Daily Telegraph" says that in the north, south, east and west, the Nazi aim is to plunder neutral peoples. For the Scandinavian countries, the instruments of their plunder are the instruments of torture. In the Balkans and on the Danube, the Nazis at present prefer blackmail to open murder. The pistol pocket, with its bulge, is flaunted, however.

The Balkans need not fear it if they resolve to maintain their security, and by determination and force to stand up against aggression.

A large Allied force is ready in the Eastern Mediterranean to meet whatever is needed of it.

The "Daily Mail" complains that we have let German lies win a victory over the Syt raid. It is imperative that we be prepared at any hour of day or night to counter the enemy's lies. The paper feels that the War Cabinet itself should deal with this matter at once.

ANOTHER 'SECRET' NAZI WEAPON

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 25 (UP).—Yet another Nazi secret weapon has been discovered. This time it takes the form of an aerial torpedo, which, if it misses its target, is said to become a mine.

Admiralty experts are studying this new type of weapon, one of which was found on the sands at Bridlington by Mrs. Mary Thompson.

Mr. Thompson discovered the torpedo after a German bomber had flown over Bridlington Bay a week ago.

The torpedo is about twelve feet long and some ten inches in diameter, with two propellers encircled by a guard.

On this was painted a picture of Mr. Chamberlain with his umbrella.

Afternoon papers to-day gave banner lines to the discovery of the torpedo, describing it as "New Nazi Secret Weapon."

Other "Secret Weapon"

The development of torpedoes has provided the world with many "secret weapons" during recent years.

Japan is said to have perfected a weapon something between a submarine and a torpedo containing a steersman, whose death is certain when the weapon strikes its target.

It is also reported that the United States has been toying with the idea of a flying torpedo controlled by television.

In 1934 it was reported that Britain was testing a radio controlled motor boat which, in effect, was a giant electric torpedo launched with high explosives. It was stated to be able to manoeuvre while travelling at 40 knots, and to drop depth charges.

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Finns Making New History

Complete Evacuation Of Hango

LONDON, Mar. 25 (British Wireless).—The proud unity of the Finnish people to whom Lord Halifax yesterday sent a broadcast message, and their new less extraordinary discipline in the face of a humiliating peace than in relating aggression, is being demonstrated in reports of the orderly wholesale evacuation of ceded areas, despite the difficulties of transport and the seriousness of the already existing refugee problem.

The most remarkable story comes from Hango, which it is said, has

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ALLIED BLOCKADE TIGHTENED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 25 (UP).—British Naval forces are reported to be clamping a tight blockade across the German shipping lanes from the North Sea into the Baltic in order to interrupt shipments of iron ore from Sweden.

Reliable information states that four German reighters en route to Narvik, have turned about and are believed to be going back home.

It is also reported that northbound German ships off the west coast of Jutland have received orders to return to Germany while ships carrying Swedish ore are hugging the Norwegian coast.

The size of the British detachment is not known but it is believed to consist of fast light destroyers and two heavier destroyers in addition to submarines which have already sunk two German freighters.

"Britain now intends to violate neutral territory everywhere," declares D.N.B. (the Official German News Agency) angrily in referring to the blockade.

Recent violations have been directed chiefly against Scandinavian territory—where British naval forces have proceeded against peaceful German merchantmen, in the course of which neutral waters were violated.

"The German steamer Nordland was approached by the British destroyer Fearless and Duchess (the Duchess was sunk in a collision on December 13) within Norwegian waters at a time when they were within 700 metres of the shore."

"The German steamer Neuenfels, as the result of continued threats by two British destroyers, was forced to run into Roca Egea."

"The German freighter Europa was also threatened within Norwegian waters," the D.N.B. report declares.

Wang Keh-min Has New Job

Dissolution Of The Peiping Govt.

PEIPING, Mar. 26 (Reuter).—Wang Keh-min, after his return to Peiping from Nanking, is scheduled to convene a meeting at which he will make a report on the Central Political Conference and important matters relating to the North China Political Council—the body which will take the place of the Peiping Provisional Government.

The dissolution of the Peiping Provisional Government is expected to be formally announced on March 26, and the North China Political Council, it is expected, will come into existence on April 1.

Now Office
Sources in close contact with the Provisional Government state that it was decided at the Central Political Conference that Wang Keh-min, Chairman of the Executive Commission of the Provisional Government, should be appointed Chairman of the North China Political Council and concurrently Superintendent of the Department of the Interior.

It had previously repeatedly been rumoured locally that Wang Keh-min was to resign on the inauguration of the new Central regime.

LONDON, Mar. 25 (British Wireless).—Sir Charles Dentling, the British Ambassador at Santiago, has been appointed Special Ambassador at the forthcoming inauguration of General Penaranda as President of the Bolivian Republic on April 15.

CABINET SHAKE-UP

Newspapers Continue To Urge Changes

LONDON, Mar. 25 (British Wireless).—For some days, several newspapers have been canvassing the possibility of some reconstruction of the Government in the near future.

It is suggested that the Prime Minister may have been impressed by the anxiety expressed by a number of speakers in recent debates for a smaller War Cabinet.

Individual Ministers have in a few cases, been the subject of Press suggestions to the effect that they are not best suited to the particular tasks of their offices. Elsewhere a suggestion appears that the Premier may wish to broaden the basis of the Government by enlisting the services of some of the Opposition Leaders who, it will be recalled, declined when invited to take office in the early days of the war.

Premier's Assurance
In most cases, speculations reflect the views and wishes of a particular newspaper, and their publication is no reason for supposing that these or other ministerial changes are in fact under consideration.

In his speech in the House of Commons a week ago, Mr. Chamberlain said that he would be just as determined and just as persistent during this war in achieving the purposes of the Allies as he was in trying to keep the peace before war started, and it may be assumed that the only consideration which would weigh with him in deciding if any re-organisation of his Ministry might be desirable or not, what form such re-organisation, if any, should take, and when it should be carried out, would be whether it would increase the country's war effort.

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$	1,500 ca.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £	93 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £	92 1/2 n.
Chartered £	8 3/4 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	31 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. £	12 1/2 n.
East Asia \$	71 n.

INSURANCES

Canton \$	232 1/2 n.
Union \$	505 n.
China Underwriters \$	1 n.
H.K. Fire \$	107 1/2 n.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$	150 n.
Steamboats \$	10 1/2 n.
Indo-China P&O \$	100 n.
Indo-China D.S. \$	30 n.
Shell (Bearers) n/	70 n.
Waterboats \$	7 1/2 n.

MINING

Kailan s/	10/- n.
Ruaba s. d.	9.60 n.
Venz. Gold \$	4 n.
H.K. Mines	4 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotels \$	5 1/2 n.
Lands \$	38 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
Shai Lands Sh. \$	7 1/2 n.
Humphreys \$	7 1/2 n.
H.K. Realities \$	4.05 n.
Chinese Estates \$	103 n.

UTILITIES

Trans \$	10.10 n.
Peak Trams (old) \$	5 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$	4 n.
Star Ferries \$	60 n.
Y. Ferries \$	6.30 n.
China Lights (old) \$	5.40 n.
China Lights (new) \$	5.40 n.
H.K. Electric \$	65 1/2 n. & 6 sa.
Macao Electric \$	22 n.
Sandakan Lights \$	11 1/2 n.
Telephones (old) \$	30 1/4 n.
Telephones (new) \$	11 1/4 n.
Traction \$	20/9 n.
Traction (Prof.) \$	23/ n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cold: Macg. (Ord.) \$	14.00 n.
Cold: Macg. (Prof.) \$	12 n.
Canton Ice \$	1 n.
Cement \$	10.80 n.
H.K. Ropes \$	5.60 sa.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms (old) \$	23 1/2 n.
Dairy Farms (new) \$	22 1/2 n.
Watsons \$	10.60 n.
Lane, Crawford \$	7 1/4 n.
Sincere \$	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$	41 n.
Powell, Ltd. \$	1 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. \$	42 1/2 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$	17 n.
Zong Sing Sh. \$	03 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh. \$	48 1/2 n.

MISC.

ILK. Entertainments \$	7.40 n.
Constructions (old) \$	1 1/2 n.
Constructions (new) \$	1 n.
Vibro Piling \$	8 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	51 1/2 n.
G. Bonds	10 n.
ILK. Govt. 4% Loan	10 1/2 n.
ILK. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	90 1/4 sa.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/	14 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/	4 n.

MANILA SHARES

Following are sales and bid prices:	
Mar. 25, Mar. 26,	
Afternoon Morning	

Antamok	12 1/2 B 12
Alok	10 B 10
Baguio Gold	21 B 21 1/2
Batong Bulay	01 B 01
Benguet Cons.	Unq. 5.50 B
Coco Grove	Unq. 11 B
Cons. Mines	0635 063
Cons. Mines	1035 103
Demonstration	10 20 1/2
East Mindanao	35 35 B
ILK.	35 35 B
Ipo Gold	51 1/2 51 1/2
Hogon Mining	Unq. 20 1/2
Mambulo Cons.	Unq. 20 1/2
Mind. Motherlode	02 1/2 02 1/2
Mine Operations	09 09 1/2
North Caranines	10 B 10
Paracale Cons.	74 74 B
San Mauricio	13 13 B
Surigao Cons.	13 13 B
Suyoc Cons.	13 13 B
Syndicate Invest.	02 B 02
United Paracale	24 1/2 24 1/2

The following is Swon, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

The Manila Gold Share market held a quiet morning session with prices practically unchanged. Fractional changes were seen in several issues, while Ilogon Mining lost one centavo. Baguio Gold went against the market to gain one-half centavo.

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N.Y. "Daily News" Lashes Wang

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Mar. 25 (UP).—The New York "Daily News" in an editorial says: "The traitor Wang—Japan's puppet in China—is the Government of Benedict Arnold and can be lasting only so long as it is upheld by Japanese bayonets."

"That is why the United States may write the last chapter in the story of Wang. The United States could give Japan's invasion a terrible blow by clapping an embargo."

Puppet Council

PEIPING, Mar. 26 (Reuters).—A North China Political Council is being formed early in April, according to reports current here.

It will take the place of the Peiping Provisional Government, the dissolution of which is expected after the inauguration of the new Japanese-sponsored "Central Government" at Nanking on March 30.

CANADIANS GO TO THE POLLS

OTTAWA, Mar. 25 (Reuters).—Canada goes to the polls to-morrow after what is generally regarded as the dulllest and the most placid election campaign in Canadian history.

Week-end blizzards in Quebec and Ontario, and severe weather in Western Canada threaten to curtail popular vote.

French Canada's vote has remained questionable despite the Liberals' great provincial victory in Quebec last year.

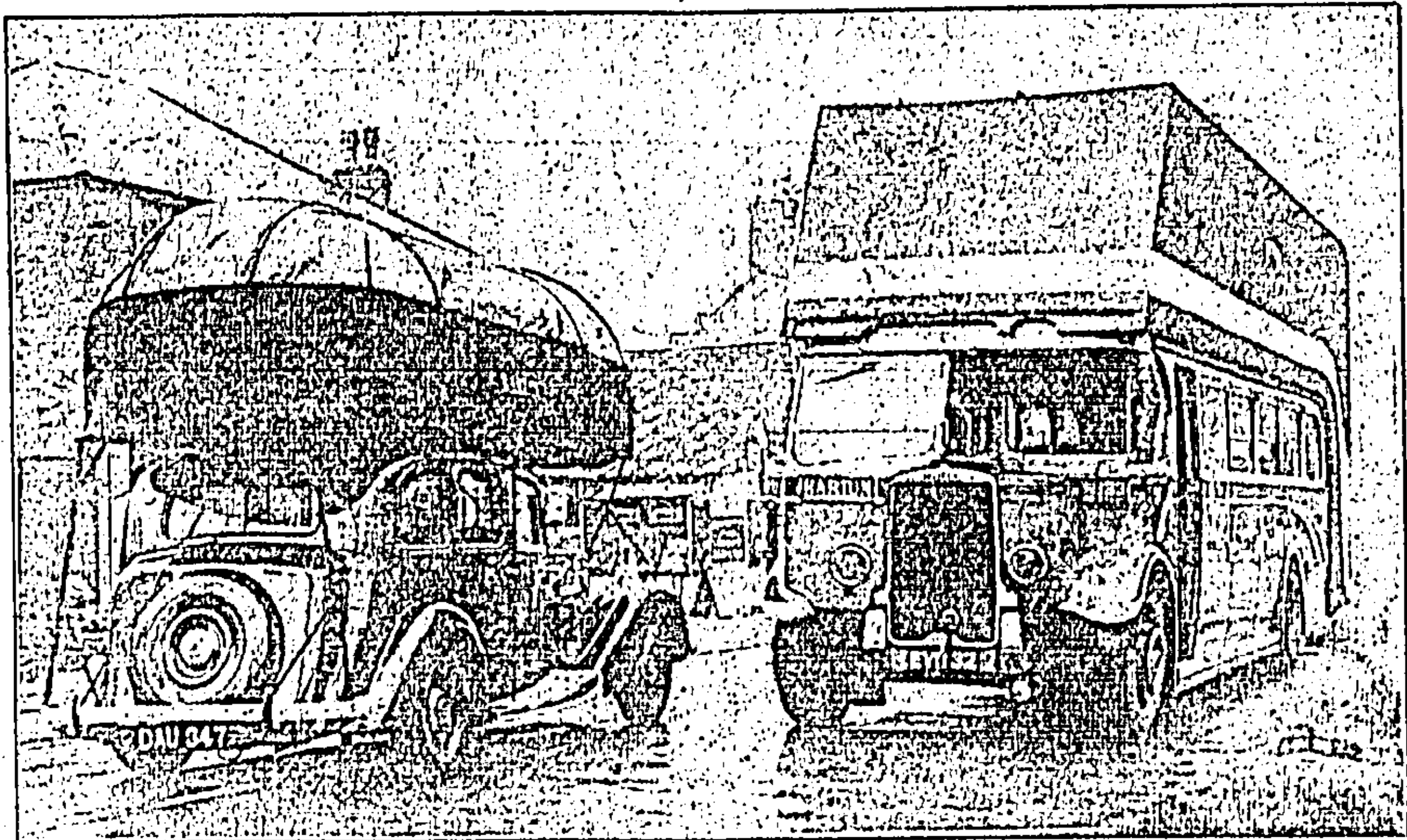
The Liberals have not enunciated a very clear cut programme but have requested a mandate for five years based on their record.

The Opposition Conservatives have been content with attacking the Government's past performance and are advancing rather vague proposals for changes if they win.

The Liberals are still expected to have a clear majority of about 50.

NOTTINGHAM GAS-BAGS

A private car and a bus, both using coal gas stored in balloons as a substitute for petrol, passing in a Nottingham street.



POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 20th March.	Mar. 27.
Bangkok and Aurane	Mar. 27.
Canton	Mar. 27.
Europe via Suez and Straits—London date, 3rd February	Mar. 27.
Hainan	Mar. 27.
Java and Manila	Mar. 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Mar. 27.
Manila	Mar. 27.
Shanghai	Mar. 27.
Straits and Palembang	Mar. 27.
Tientsin	Mar. 27.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th March	Mar. 28.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 20 February)	Mar. 28.
Japan and Shanghai	Mar. 28.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 5th March)	Mar. 28.
Japan and Shanghai	Mar. 28.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	Mar. 28.

OUTWARD MAILS

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" due London, 3rd April.	
K. P. O.	
Reg., Mar. 26, 5.00 p.m.	
Ord., Mar. 26, 5.30 p.m.	
G. P. O.	
Reg., Mar. 26, 5.00 p.m.	
Ord., Mar. 26, 7.00 p.m.	
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 1st April.	
K. P. O.	
Reg., Mar. 26, 5.00 p.m.	
Ord., Mar. 26, 5.30 p.m.	
G. P. O.	
Reg., Mar. 26, 5.00 p.m.	
Ord., Mar. 26, 7.00 p.m.	
Saigon and parcels only for Straits, Ceylon, Egypt and Marseilles—due Marseilles 26th April.	
G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
Par., Mar. 26, 5 p.m.	
Ord., Mar. 27, 10.30 a.m.	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 17th April.	
G. P. O. and K. P. O.	
Par., Mar. 26, 5.00 p.m.	
Reg., Mar. 27, 9.15 a.m.	
Ord., Mar. 27, 10.00 a.m.	

Wednesday, Mar. 27

Manila	10.00 a.m.
Holhow and Haiphong	1.00 p.m.
Straits	1.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 4th April.	
K. P. O.	
Reg., Mar. 27, 5.00 p.m.	
Ord., Mar. 27, 5.30 p.m.	
G. P. O.	
Reg., Mar. 27, 5.00 p.m.	
Ord., Mar. 27, 7.00 p.m.	
Shanghai	2.30 p.m.
Amoy	2.30 p.m.
Strait	7 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 28

Canton	7.15 a.m.
Holhow	1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America (No parcels for Canada only) via San Francisco—due San Francisco 18th April.	
G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
Parcels, Mar. 28, 5 p.m.	
Reg., Mar. 28, 9.45 a.m.	
Ord., Mar. 29, 10.30 a.m.	
Sandakan	12.30 p.m.
For Bayard and Haiphong	1.30 p.m.
Salang, Madang, Salamau, and Tabaui	3.30 p.m.
Salang, Madang, Salamau, 4.30 p.m.	

Entire Coastline Is Now Guarded BALLOON GUARD FOR COAST OF ENGLAND

A "BALLOON NAVY," seagoing adaptation of the curious "balloon barrage" which dots the skies over London, has been extended to virtually the entire British coastline.

The balloon barrage is designed to keep attacking planes high enough to reduce their bombing efficiency.

Mobile marine balloons, trailing entangling cables, are being extended to protect strategic coastal points. These balloons are attached by cables to barges and other ships which fall into two classes: one designed to lie at anchor in key positions, and the other, larger and more seaworthy, able to proceed quickly to any position.

Barbed Wire Fence. Meanwhile on the Western Front a barbed wire fence seven feet high was being erected along the German-Netherlands border to-day by German soldiers.

They said the barrier was designed to stop "undesirables" from crossing the frontier and to prevent smuggling—presumably of money from Germany into the Netherlands.

Barbed wire was strung along the southern part of the Limburg Provincial border early in the war, but now the Germans apparently are intending to close the entire frontier.

Customs gates are situated at intervals along the barrier, and legal passage is permitted at these points. As a further means of control, virtually all train traffic between the two countries is being routed through one point—Bentheim, Germany.

Bomb Explodes In Gambling House

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, March 25 (UP).—A time bomb hidden under the main gaming table in the Yu Yuen gambling house, just off the International Settlement, went off at 10 o'clock to-night.

Five men and two women were seriously injured by the explosion.

Ex-Police Reservist On Extortion Charge

How three men, posing as police officers, allegedly attempted to extort \$1,000 from a man named Chan Sik-tim by threatening to accuse him of murder, was told at the Criminal Sessions this morning during the trial of Ho So, 46-year-old Police Reservist, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Ho was charged with having, on January 29, together with two others not in custody, with intent to extort money, threatened to accuse Chan of murder and, alternatively, with demanding money with menaces. He was defended by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by the Hon. Mr. K. L. Lo.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. S. Berg (Foreman), Yu Fook-chin, A. Minnot, J. W. Dundred, G. H. da Silva, J. Revil and W. A. Fox.

Crown's Story

Prosecuting, Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, said Chan lived at 164 Queen's Road West with his concubine. On the morning of January 29, three men, including Ho, who had been a Police Reservist for a number of years, knocked at the door, one of them saying "Chan is wanted by the inspector for questioning." They were asked to prove their identity and one of them produced a silver badge, which was that of the Police Reserve. The door was then opened, and on entering Ho patting his side, exposing a revolver in a holster, apparently indicating that he was from the Police.

Chan asked what he was wanted for, and was told he would know when he got to the Police Station. He left the house with the three men but instead of being taken to either the Central Police Station or No. 8 Police Station, which were quite near, he was taken to a room in the Empress Hotel.

They were accompanied by Chan's concubine. Meanwhile, Chan's mother-in-law had become suspicious and ordered the amah, the principal tenant and her son to follow the party.

On arrival at the Hotel, Chan, his concubine and the three men went up by a lift to Room 303, while the others stayed on the ground floor. After waiting for a while, the son returned home and told his mother what had happened. A report was then made to No. 8 Police Station, and a Chinese detective was detailed to accompany the son back to the hotel.

Murder Is Alleged

After they had got to the room, Chan was told that he had killed a man in the country and that documents had been sent down for his arrest. Chan denied this altogether, one of the men said "A robber had killed your son. You captured the robber and in turn killed him."

This was also denied by Chan, and one of the men then suggested that in order not to be taken before the inspector and later sent back to the country where he would be shot, he should pay them \$1,000.

Being thoroughly alarmed, Chan's concubine offered \$100 but this was not accepted, and after further bargaining it was eventually agreed that

10,000,000 GET WAGE INCREASE

LONDON, Mar. 25 (British Wire- less).—According to figures published in the Ministry of Labour "Gazette," some 10,000,000 workers have had wages rate increases since the outbreak of war.

The aggregate increase is over £1,500,000 a week.

The increase in the wages rates in February affected nearly 3,000,000 workers.

The average increase over six months is approximately the same as the recorded increase in the cost of living.

ROBBED POLICE SERGT.'S WIFE

Struggle Follows Chase Near Post Office

When Yung Kwo, 31, unemployed, attempted to snatch a handbag from a European woman in Des Voeux Road yesterday, he was unlucky in his choice of a victim, for she was Mrs. Dewar, wife of Sgt. H. Dewar of the Hongkong Police.

Seeing the bag snatched from his wife Sgt. Dewar chased the man who quickly dropped the bag and ran towards the Post Office. A number of Europeans, including a lady came to the Sergeant's assistance. When overtaken, the man brandished a pair of scissors at Mr. Dewar who struggled with him, eventually disarmed the man and took him to Central Police Station, where he was charged.

Appearing before Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistrate's this morning, Yung was given six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

FINNS MAKING NEW HISTORY

FROM PAGE ONE

been handed over to the Soviets without a single one of many thousands inhabitants remaining to live under Russian rule.

It is not certain if history provides any previous example of a town of the size of Hanko being abandoned spontaneously by all its citizens upon its transfer to another State.

Crushing Answer

This popular movement is a crushing answer to the Soviet's erstwhile claim to be liberating the Finns from the Helsinki Government.

It is also reported that the Finnish permanent representative at the League of Nations has handed in a note expressing Finland's thanks for the help which State members had found themselves able to accord her in resisting an aggression which the League condemned. The note also asked for League assistance in the work of reconstruction.

Soviet Troops Withdraw

OSLO, Mar. 26 (Reuters).—A message from Kirkenes states that Soviet troops have begun to withdraw from Northern Finland in accordance with the terms of the peace treaty. The troops are being concentrated at Petsamo where they are awaiting shipment to the east.

While at work in the Kowloon Docks yesterday, Woo Fat, 45, suffered burns as a result of accidental contact with an electric welder he was handling. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1-Agreable (poetic)
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- 1-Organ of vision
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WHY SWEDEN TURNED DEAF EAR TO FINNISH PLEA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 25 (UP).—The Swedish Premier, in a radio broadcast to-day, revealed that Finland had requested military assistance from Sweden on October 18 last year.

This request was refused, the Premier said, because Sweden feared involvement in the war, if she sent troops to the Anland Islands.

When the prime ministers of the northern countries met in October, he said, they fully discussed the situation with regards to Finland "because we already foresaw the possibilities of war in the East."

He added that Sweden pledged herself to give only material assistance to Finland in the event of war. "These promises we fulfilled to a greater extent than we then believed possible," he declared.

Soviet Opposition
STOCKHOLM, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—The Scandinavian press takes a firm line over the Soviet attempt to stop the formation of a Nordic defence alliance.

Typical of their attitude is that of the conservative Swedish paper "Svenska Dagbladet" which protests that surely the Soviet Government does not think it can interfere with sovereign states which discuss common defence measures even if it does have the support of certain organs of the German press.

Sweden's readiness "to collaborate in the examination of the project for a northern alliance" was re-affirmed by Dr. Albin Hansson, the Prime Minister, in a broadcast to-night.

Dr. Hansson added at the same time that it was necessary to draw attention to the danger of giving birth to popular ideas which did not correspond with the real situation.

Dr. Hansson, after revealing that Sweden had told Finland as long ago as mid-October that she could not count on direct Swedish military intervention in the event of war, declared that it was necessary to make an end and for all of the speculations suggesting that the resources of the north might be mobilised for other ends than defence against attacks on the north's peace and independence.

Only the slogan, "Peace At Home and For the Country," could rally Nordic peoples, and in accordance with it, they would deliberate on how to organise their efforts for common protection.

Supported By People
Sweden could co-operate in the common Nordic task with the full right to make her opinion heard.

Sweden's policy rising out of the war had the support of the whole Swedish people and moreover it should be recalled that the Nordic states had never engaged in any military obligations.

Russians To Hang on
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINKI, Mar. 25 (UP).—It is understood that thirty Russian planes carrying fully equipped soldiers, have landed in Hangö Bay. The ice is still too thick to permit the entrance of warships.

NAZI REPORTS REFUTED

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that the claims now made by the official German news agency to the effect that a considerable number of British aircraft were lost in the attack on Sylt are wholly false.

As already announced, only one British aircraft engaged in the operation failed to return to its base. It is learned from the Air Ministry that direct hits were obtained on hangars, jetty, light railway and other parts of the base.

Oil storage tanks and barracks were set on fire.

The reconnaissance flight on March 20 confirmed the success of the operation.

Another Air Ministry bulletin declares that there is no truth in the reports published abroad that one or more R.A.F. aircraft violated Danish neutrality and fired on civilians.

Belgian A.A. Fire
BRUSSELS, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire at an aeroplane of unknown nationality flying at a great height, about a mile and a half south of the city.

Mary Hopes To Get \$5 Reward

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—Mary Thompson, of Bridlington, has found a new type of torpedo. It is now being examined by the Admiralty.

She hopes to be the first to claim the \$5 reward recently announced by the Admiralty for discoveries of this kind.

Lord Tweedsmuir's Bequest Of Books

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—The will of the late Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, was published to-day. It makes only one bequest of a public nature.

Lord Tweedsmuir directed his trustees to hand over to the National Library in Scotland "all the books in my library dealing with the Marquis of Montrose which the National Library may desire."

New Zealand's Premier

Mr. M. J. Savage
Much Weaker

WELLINGTON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—A bulletin issued here at 9 p.m. states that the Rt. Hon. Mr. M. J. Savage, the Prime Minister, is much weaker.

The Labour Party Conference to-day passed a resolution expressing their sympathy and high appreciation of Mr. Savage's work as the leader of the Party and the first Labour Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Was Once Miner
A miner's rise to fame is recalled by the announcement of Premier Savage's grave illness.

Like many other men who have graduated from the Labour political movement, Mr. M. J. Savage, leader of the New Zealand Labour Party, and Prime Minister, was in his younger days a miner.

Born in 1872, a native of Victoria, Australia, he is the son of a small farmer near Benalla. At the age of 14, he obtained the leaving certificate from the local school and took a position as shop assistant in a general store at Benalla.

After the big bank crash of 1893, he was one of the many young Victorians who went to New South Wales seeking work, and he secured employment on one of the stations of Sir Samuel McCaughey.

Returning to Victoria in 1900, he worked in a deep alluvial mine at North Prentice, near Rutherglen. Here, he first became interested in the co-operative movement and organised a co-operative store, and bakery. Here it was, too, that he first became interested in politics.

Left Australia In 1902
He became secretary of the North Prentice Political Labour Council. In 1902, he went to New Zealand, where he settled permanently at Auckland.

He soon became a prominent member of Auckland Labour politics, being elected to several local bodies. He was first elected to the House of Representatives for Auckland West in 1919.

Mr. Savage is not the spectacular type of leader. A calm and deliberate speaker, he led his party ably in the House. His victory following the 1935 election, was the result of the formation of his first Cabinet.

He was very popular with the party and it is said that no previous Labour leader has been served so loyally by the rank and file. He succeeded to the leadership following the death of Mr. H. E. Holland in 1933.

Mr. Savage represented New Zealand at the 1926 conference of the British Empire Parliamentary Association held in Australia.

When he became Premier, Mr. Savage shared his ministerial home with a Herne Bay family, with whom he had lived continuously since his arrival in Auckland 20 years previously.

They were Mr. and Mrs. French and their children. Mr. French was one of the survivors of the wreck of the Union liner Wairarapa on Great Barrier Island many years ago.

"One cannot live with people for all those years without a common bond being established," said Mr. Savage on the day he was invited to form his Cabinet. "I should feel lost without the companionship of such friends."

A bachelor, Mr. Savage then announced that he was arranging "for the good people who have looked after me" to join him in Wellington.

NEW LIGHTSHIP EVOLVED

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—As a result of Nazi plane attacks on defenceless lightships round the British coast a new type of vessel has been built. They are now on view at Great Yarmouth harbour.

Only half the size of the usual vessel, its lights when lit can operate without attention for two months.

The vessels will be taken over by various lightship stations and left there. It will not be necessary for the crew to remain on board.

The fact that the vessel is only half the normal size will make it a difficult mark for the Germans trying to put it out of action.

LLP. PLANS WAR PROGRAMME

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—Plans for a war programme were taken up by the Independent Labour Party at its annual conference yesterday.

The Party decided that the working class movement should be maintained. It demanded no political truce with Government and no industrial truce with employers.

It opposed all emergency powers of the Government restricting the liberty of working class organisations and free speech.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 25, 1890.
The long-predicted fuel famine in the British Isles is again postponed by the discovery of coal deposits at the foot of Shapere's cliff at Dover.

In the Ontario Legislature Premier Nowat introduced a bill extending to Jews in the province all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other religious organisations.

Young Abraham Lincoln died at a late hour to-night.

Statistics published in Berlin show the military expenditure of the great Powers during the past three years. France spent 5,082,000,000 marks, Russia 2,264,000,000 marks, Great Britain 2,475,000,000 marks, Germany 2,430,000,000 marks, Austria-Hungary 1,352,000,000 marks, and Italy 1,254,000,000 marks.

The "Kreuz-Zeitung," in an article on the United States, dwells upon the grandeur and power of the new American navy soon to be created, characterising it as the second in power in the world. The paper also declares that the new navy will be superior to that of France, and that with the two allied England's navy could be easily annihilated. It prophesies that when the time comes for action, if it ever does, Congress will enthusiastically abandon the Monroe doctrine.

25 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1915.
A Paris communique states:—The enemy bombarded Rheims and a German aeroplane dropped bombs on the city, hitting three civilians.

10 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1930.
After to-day, the reason for designating Wyndham Street by the alternative name of Flower Street will disappear, for the flower-sellers who have had their stands at the foot of this thoroughfare for at least fifty years will to-night move into On Lan Street, which is situated a little further up the slope, on the left-hand side going upwards.

The move is necessitated by work having commenced on the demolition of Yee San Fat Building, which is to make way for a fine modern structure in which a new cinema will be housed. (The present King's Theatre.—Ed.)

Strong protests were made in Hankow against the continued illegal occupation of British property by the Chinese authorities.

5 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1935.
France and Italy are demanding a certain amount of military superiority over Germany and they have given to Sir John Simon, the British Foreign Minister, their minimum requirements on security armaments.

Sir John is at present in Berlin and will discuss with Herr Hitler the whole European situation, with a view to securing Germany assurance that peace will not be threatened and that she will return to the League of Nations.

French and Italian demands have been passed on to the British Foreign Minister, through Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Eversley, who attended a conference of the former Allies in Paris and they hurried on to the Berlin conference.

It is learned that the Polish Ambassador made a verbal denunciation of Baron von Neurath, the Reichminister for Foreign Affairs, and conveyed to Poland's views upon the situation arising out of Germany's new conscription laws.

Independence Day In Greece

ATHENS, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—National Independence Day was celebrated in Greece yesterday.

King George attended a military review in the company of General Metaxas, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, War, Marine and Air, and other high Government officials.

Leading articles in the Greek press emphasise the country's desire for independence and her desire to live at peace with all the world within the ambit of the Balkan Entente.

Startling Effect Of Aurora Borealis

LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—A violent electrical disturbance involving a sun spot aurora borealis resulted in the break down of communications with the United States on Sunday.

The trans-Atlantic shortwave telephone was out of action for over 12 hours. The damage to telegraph land-lines resulted in about a million Easter messages being held up.

Japanese Taxes Increased

TOKYO, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—The Taxation Reform Bill, by which the Japanese Government aims at increasing the revenue from taxation by 800,000,000 yen annually was passed into law when the House of Peers adopted the Bill as amended by the Lower House.

The Finance Minister described the reform plan as "unprecedented in the vastness of its scope in the annals of taxation in Japan."

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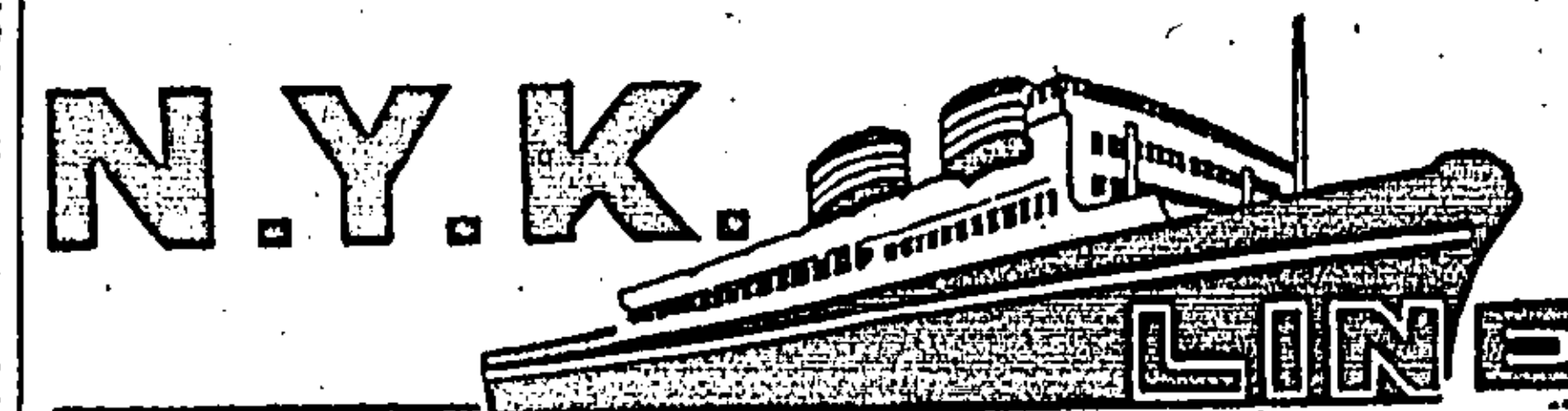
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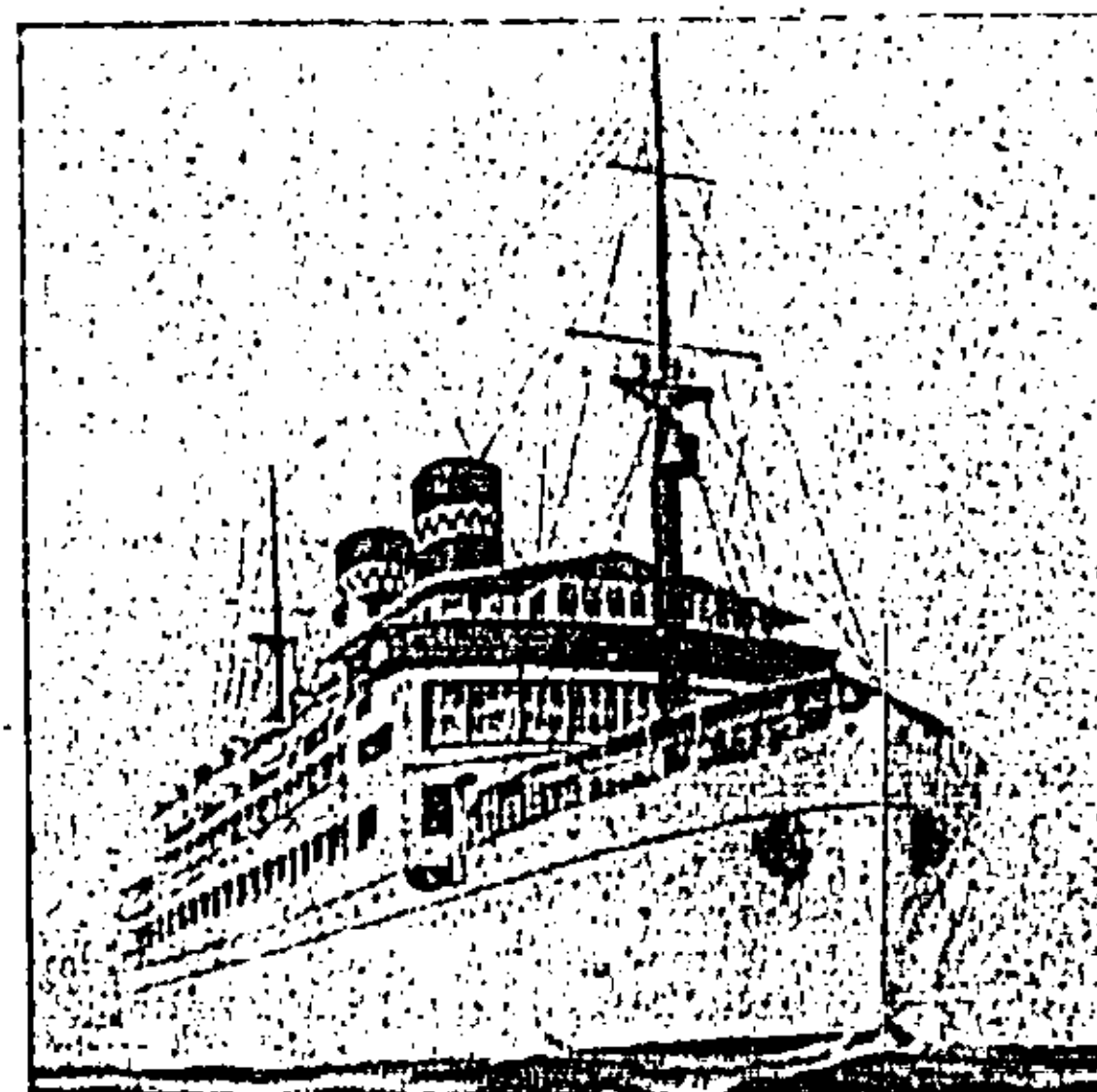
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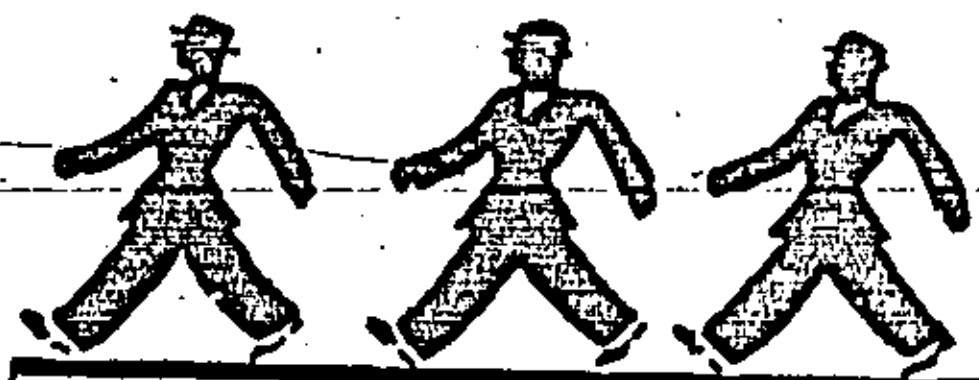
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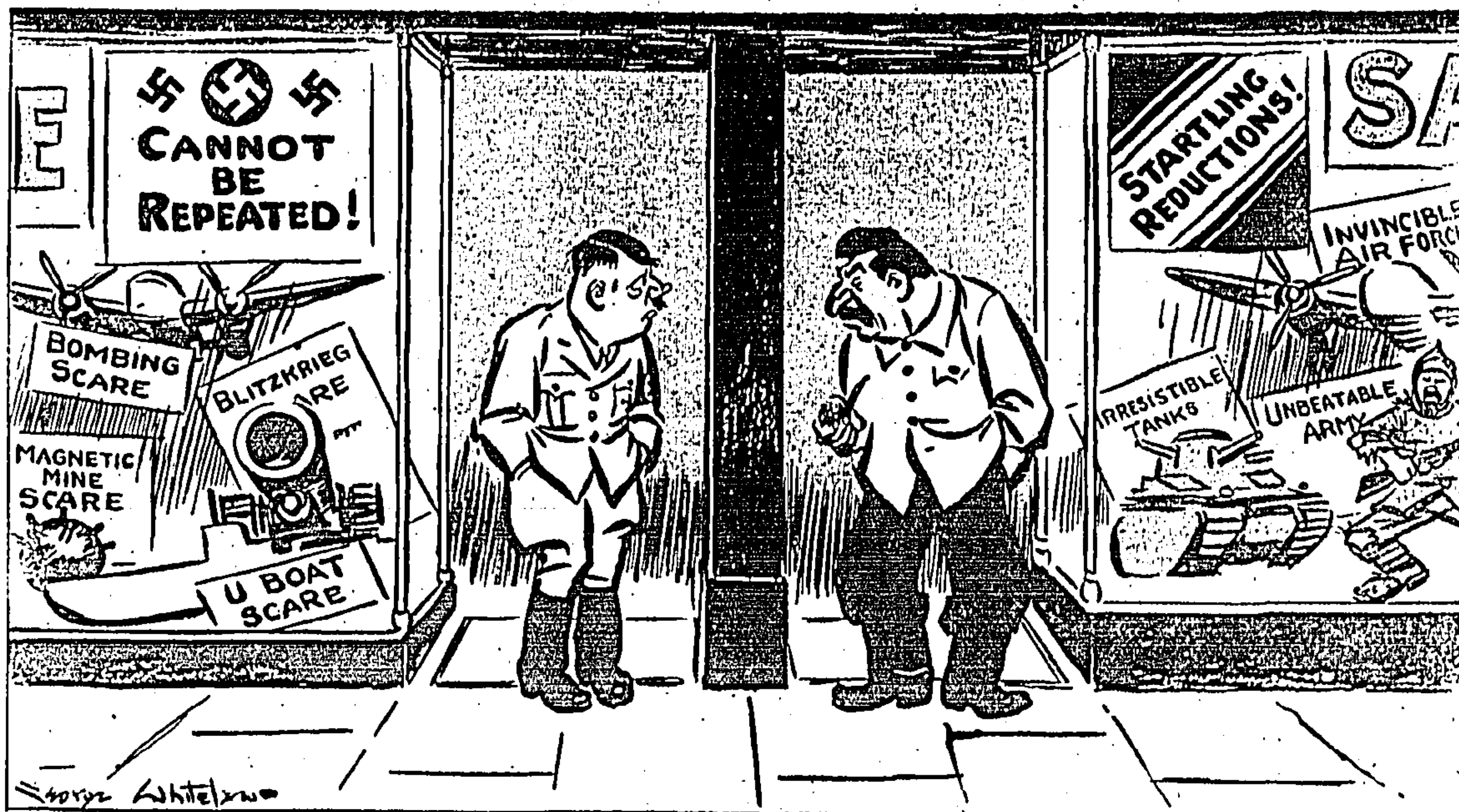
Most people outside of Germany, and no doubt many inside, know the Nazi officials for what they are, a horde of blatant careerists who make a living out of the "cause" and have made a good thing of it. They have inherited or taken up the imperialistic spirit which has long been a German characteristic, but they are a different type of men from those who plunged the world into war twenty-five years ago.

An Austrian who is now a refugee in London draws a sharp line of distinction between the two. It was the imperialistic mentality of the ruling classes of Prussia—before 1914, he says—which was the principal reason for the outbreak of the Great War. It is again a ruling minority which has brought about this second disaster, but now the prominent leaders of the Nazi party, as well as its most ardent adherents, nearly all belong to the lower middle-class. There are far too many middle-class people striving for the so-called better jobs, and their envy of this country is partly due to the opportunities which the Empire gives to young men of their class.

On the other hand, the German workmen and peasants care nothing about Empire-building. Therefore if war is to be averted in the future, government must be placed in the hands of the peace loving masses, and the imperialist minority must be convinced that they are unfit to govern other people.

Another contributor to this controversy is Dr. Edwyn Bevan. He says that there are not two factors in Germany, the Nazi Government and the German people. There are three factors; first, the ruling Nazis, who hate freedom and trample on the weak. They existed long before the rise of Hitler. The second element is really civilised and liberal in feeling and outlook. If this element came into control again we might have a Germany which would be a friendly and helpful member of a fellowship of nations.

The third element, probably the bulk of the German people, is a docile and credulous mass, easily swayed by the Government in power. If the Nazi Government were replaced by a liberal one, the docile mass might quite well support it; for one characteristic of this mass is to be inclined to think that side right which actually comes out on the top.



"How's business, Joe?"

"Colossal! But it will improve!"

Granddad
gave a pledge
to Sweden

By Ronald Matthews

I HAVE just been reading a treaty.

It is a treaty between Britain and France on one hand and Sweden on the other. And by it Britain and France bind themselves to defend the integrity of Sweden against Russia.

"Should the Russian Government," it lays down, "make to the Swedish Government any demands aimed at securing... the cession of any territory belonging to the Swedish Government the Swedish Government undertakes to communicate such demands immediately to the British and French Governments."

"The British and French Governments, for their part, undertake to furnish the Swedish Government with naval and military forces... for the purpose of resisting the aggression of Russia."

You rub your eyes. Another Allied guarantee, you may say, and not the least whisper of it to Parliament?

Let me relieve you. I read this treaty, not in the secret archives of the Foreign Office, but in the British Museum.

And I have permitted myself three little simplifications in translating its French text. In the place of "the Swedish Government" was written "the King of Sweden and Norway," in the place of "the British Government" was written "Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom"; and in the place of "the French Government" was written "His Majesty the Emperor of the French."

For the Treaty of Stockholm, drawn up when Victoria was Queen of England, Napoleon III Emperor of France, and when Sweden and Norway were united under a common crown, was signed on November 21, 1855.

It sounds in our ears, for all that, with a curious familiarity to-day. So do even the circumstances of its arrangement. For the trouble that had led the Swedish king to seek his guarantee in 1855 was trouble on the border of Finland.

Britain and France were allies then, of course, in the Crimean war. That did not interest the King of Sweden so much. His worries had started with a dispute over the habits of a migratory tribe of Laps, who were accustomed to pasture their reindeer alternately on one side and on the other of the Norwegian-Finnish frontier.

The Russians, who had annexed Finland from Sweden in 1809, complained that the nomads

herds were eating away to devastation the rich moss pastures on their side of the border. The discussions, as was even then the Russian habit, dragged on interminably. There was an additional question about the right of Russian fishermen to erect buildings in a Norwegian port on the Atlantic that made matters yet more complicated.

Then suddenly the Russian Government cracked down. It announced that it was going to close the Finnish-Norwegian frontier. The King of Sweden and Norway flew into a panic.

He could not believe that the mere trading business of the reindeer moss could have led the Tsar to such a decision. There must be something more behind it.

Russia, which had already had one bite at the Scandinavian cherry when she took Finland, obviously wanted another bite. She wanted a Norwegian port, in fact.

So Oscar I could only turn for aid to the Western Powers, then locked in their own struggle with the colossus of the north.

He never had to call on his guarantors. Equally, the threat from Russia which Sweden and Norway fear to-day may never materialise. But it is no new threat to the northern peoples.

Still, in the beginnings of this century, you could talk to intelli-

gent Norwegians who spoke of the menace of Russian imperialism.

History, till the common people take charge, has a way of running in the same grooves of nationalist tradition. Forms of government may change, but the same magnetic objectives continue to exercise the same drawing power.

And from the beginnings of Russia's emergence as a modern State, her imperialism had always clashed with the now long dead imperialism of the Crown of Sweden.

Their first war broke out as long ago as the end of the fifteenth century, its bone of contention the Swedish Empire on the eastern shore of the Baltic sea. The struggle raged at intervals through the sixteenth, when a Swedish ruler was king for a while of Poland, and all but succeeded to the Tsar's throne, too.

It continued in the seventeenth, when Gustavus Adolphus, "the Lion from Midnight," annexed the ground on which Leningrad now stands. For Sweden then was a great Power, the champion of the Protestant cause in Europe, the equal in prestige of any of the Continent's kingdoms.

It flickered down in the eighteenth after Charles XII of Sweden, his march on Moscow turned back, was ruinously defeated in the Ukraine.

And then the Russian tide—the tide of a Russia crammed into artificial adolescence by Peter the Great—began to flow west.

It is still flowing, apparently, to-day. The historic pattern seems on the point of repetition.

For the dreary age-old patterns of national enmities and racial struggles, will continue to repeat themselves on the web of time until democracy rules in every land.

The story
of Mr.
Hymack

by P. L. Mannock

QUINTON McPHERSON
has died.Does that mean any-
thing to you?No? Then—
Mr. Hymack is dead.Does that mean anything,
either?

If the answer again is "No," you are either young, or you have a short memory, or an important part of your education was neglected.

For, 20 years ago, Mr. Hymack was famous on the music halls, and Mr. Hymack's real name was Quinton McPherson. Under that name his death, aged 69, in Clapham, is now announced by a theatrical paper.

Mr. Hymack's was one of the most original acts ever seen in variety. I saw it often.

He never spoke, danced or sang. As he strolled about the stage, doing casual things, the weirdest changes would suddenly happen to his natty clothes.

His blue waistcoat would go yellow. His spats would turn from black to pink. On his topper a vivid green hatband would flash into being. His hands, withdrawn from his pockets, would be in scarlet gloves. Tie, handkerchief and cuffs, all figured in these instantaneous magical transformations, at which he seemed as bewildered as the audience.

How was it done? Some elaborate system of invisible threads and springs, the secret of which was known only to himself and his wife. She it was who prepared everything before he went on. It took her over an hour every time. Nothing ever went wrong.

One day she died.
"Mr. Hymack," as an act, ended there and then. Grief-stricken, and robbed of his indispensable help, he lost heart. He vowed no one else would take her place. Nobody ever did.

Work grew scantier. Ill-luck pursued him to the end of his days. Many months ago I met him playing an "extra" part for a day in a Jessie Matthews' film on location up the Thames.

Now and again there would come a burst of comparative prosperity—some weeks on tour or a series of film-studio "calls."

From time to time, friends would urge him to revive the act—the Chameleon Comedian, as it used to be billed.

He always refused.

Now he is dead—forgotten by so many of those he amused and mystified, and less than a name to the new generation.

He was one of the last, and certainly the most unusual, of the "quick-change" artists, followers of Fregoli, Ugo Biondi and R. A. Roberts.

Does anyone know his secret even to-day? Did he ever disclose his methods, even after he had discarded them? I wonder.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"You give 'em 500 gallons—Mac can polish up the pumps and I'll wash his windows and tidy up the place."

HUNGER STRIKE IN DUBLIN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
DUBLIN, March 25 (UP).—Seven I.R.A. prisoners took to the 30th day of their hunger strike in Arbourhill Military Prison as a protest against their imprisonment by the Eire Government.
Strong forces of police and troops are being maintained throughout Ulster.
The strikers, weak and emaciated, are led by Sean MacCurtain, who is awaiting trial for the murder of Detective John Roche in Cork on January 3 this year.

Too Weak For Trial
DUBLIN, Mar. 25 (UP).—The strike leader Sean MacCurtain appeared before a Military Tribunal last week but he was so weak that it was decided to postpone his trial until April 2.
The seven strikers first refused to take food while in Mountjoy Civil Prison, saying that they would continue to fast until they were removed to military custody. The Government granted their request after ten days, but on reaching Arbourhill Military Prison the men continued to strike as a protest against the military actions of the Eire Government.

Related To Famed Revolutionary
One of the strikers is John Plunkett, son-in-law of the Irish revolutionary leader Count Plunkett. John's brother Joseph, is one of the conspirators to the proclamation of the Irish Republic which signalled the opening of the Easter Rebellion in 1917. Joseph was executed by the British and he is buried in a little graveyard outside Arbourhill Prison.
Miss Fiona Plunkett, sister of John and Joseph, is at the moment in custody when Premier De Valera laid a wreath on the grave of the executed leader of the rebellion.

Second Strike This Year
Each hunger striker has a small cell to himself with little room to exercise, but he is allowed the opportunity to learn the Irish language.
This is the second hunger strike in Eire this year. Three other I.R.A. strikers were released after a strike lasting 25 days at the end of March. De Valera had previously told the Daily that he could not release them.

Royal Scots Charged With Theft

Court Martial Hearing This Morning

Private James McPhillips and Private Valentine, of the 2nd Bn., Royal Scots, appeared as defendants in a Court Martial held in the Recreation Hall of Victoria Barracks this morning.

Accused were charged with the theft of \$68.89, the property of the Army and Air Force Institutes, and with breaking out of the La Salle College Internment Camp whilst on active service on March 4.

President of the Court was Major H. B. Webb and the members were Capt. A. C. Atkinson and Lt. K. I. M. Buchanan.

Prosecuting Officer was Lt. J. A. H. Douglass and Capt. H. C. Harland was the Defence Officer.

Lt. Douglass said accused were members of the Guard at the Internment Camp from February 25 to March 3, when they escaped on March 3.

The Chinese in charge of the canteen at the Camp locked it up by means of a partition. A cash box containing \$66.89 had been kept in a show case inside the canteen.

Subsequently the Military Police were called in and they found that the partition had been kicked in, a rubber heel impression was clearly discernible. The sentry at No. 2 Post was questioned and he said at 1 a.m. on March 4 he saw two soldiers, whom he recognised as the accused, unlocking a gate and leaving. They later returned.

Identical Imprints

Lt. Douglass said the right shoe of McPhillips was taken for comparison with the impression on the partition and the marks made proved to be identical with the original imprint.

Tseng Kwai said he went to the canteen at 7.30 a.m., on March 4 and found that the door was broken and the cash box missing.

To Capt. Harland, Tseng said he had not been searched when he left the Internment Camp on the previous night.

Man Kwai, No. 1 Boy of the canteen, said he had counted \$50.53 but had added over \$10 to the cash box before he had left on March 3.

Questioned by Capt. Harland, Man said he did not know the exact amount that had been in the cash box.

Lt. Col. Faggerty of the Military Police testified to carrying out investigations, of questioning the sentry who alleged he had seen accused leaving the Camp, and of his having compared the heel mark on the partition with that of McPhillips' shoe and finding them identical.

Police Investigation

Inspector H. E. Rogers of the Kowloon City Police Station testified to having investigated the case.

Asked by Capt. Harland why he had not proceeded with the case, Inspector Rogers said it was because there was insufficient evidence and that the case had not been completed.

When questioned about the heel marks on the partition, McPhillips said his shoes might have been worn by somebody else as this was common amongst soldiers. Also, the Military Authorities wanted to carry on with the case themselves.

Hearing was adjourned.

KOWLOON DOCKS TO REOPEN EAST YARD

Orders For Construction Of Three New Ships Revealed

So as to deal with an order for three large cargo ships, the East yard of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. where no ship has been built since 1925, is being opened again, the chairman, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell revealed at the ordinary annual meeting of the Company this morning.

The Chairman said: The gross profit of \$1,585,533.10 is rather less than that of the last two years. I trust you will consider that net profit of \$1,109,214.62 to be satisfactory.
Stocks of materials are adequate, are conservatively valued and in view of the rises brought about by the War we do not consider it necessary to appropriate any of the year's profit to write them down.
The overdraft is only very slightly reduced from last year's figure, mainly attributed to developments to which I shall refer later.
Depreciation is at the usual rates and is slightly higher in total than last year, due to increase of our facilities.

Lots Of Work

The year under review had no outstanding characteristics until the state of the War in Europe. We were fairly well employed with repair work and were happy to start the year with orders for two ships and a little later secured the order for a third. Of the first two, one, the "Karuah" was delivered to owners before the promised date, the construction of the others has been somewhat affected by the War but is well advanced.

We also received an order in early September for a 5,000 ton ship with larger main propelling diesel engine than we have yet built. Materials for this ship have been slow in arriving and the pause has been utilized in getting ready for three large cargo ships which we are to build. To deal with a portion of this order the East yard, where no ship has been built since 1925, is being opened up again, but with an improved layout of the planters machine shop and better access to the Yard. The new large machine shop which I promised to be ready at the end of 1939 was not so ready but some of its heavy machines are now installed and working, and this new shop I have no doubt, will soon prove its efficiency.

I doubt if shareholders fully appreciate why we must develop in what may appear to them a somewhat costly manner calling for the creation of considerable reserves. There are so many sides to our work—we employ no less than 20 different kinds of tradesmen and we are not able to do our work out to specialists as can the Yards at Home. We must be able to make practically everything ourselves or lose the business to places which can. We must be equipped to deal with any large repairs which may be necessary to the largest ship coming to Hongkong, and likewise to the engine, whether turbine, reciprocating, or diesel. As the sizes of these increase, so we must foresee and advance, and this I think I can fairly claim we are doing.

Reclamation

The suggested appropriation of \$350,000 for a Special Reserve for extension is to enable us to purchase from the Hongkong Government and reclaim a portion of the sea-front on the east side of our East Yard, to give us additional deep water berth. This additional deep water berth has been a great need for a long time, for, with a large ship under our great crane, we have been sorely put to it to accommodate others without interfering with dockings and undockings, or to avoid the inconvenience of shifting ships when we need to use the great crane for other work.

This berth has been considered in the re-laying out of our East Yard, and before very long will have direct access by motor road from our Main Gate.

During the year a new and modern type catamaran has been fitted to Cosmopolitan Dock. The old catamaran was not the most suitable design but with slight alterations was adapted for the larger dock at Aberdeen, where it has been fitted and replaced the wooden one which was beyond repair.

A boiler, secondhand but in first-class condition, has been installed to pump Hope Dock which is now more efficient than it has been for twenty years.

A new Club House has been built at the Mould Loft, which was formerly used, for the proper service of this necessary item, necessary not only for the staff but because it is available to Officers of ships in our hands, has already proved to be attractive and worthwhile.

Our larger craft are in good order and to the small craft we have added three diesel driven boats, one of which replaces a harbour work launch which was beyond economical repair.

This is a long list of development work, but it was work that we were bound to do.

It is our experience that no sooner have we installed new plant or made extensions considered necessary to keep the yard up to date than they are called into service to good purpose. Indeed, everything

we have done so far has if anything erred on the side of caution.

No Profligate Spending
I give you the Board's assurance that there has not been and there will not be any profligate spending, but if we are to attract and retain clients we must keep an ever-watchful eye upon the maintenance of our efficiency. You will thus appreciate why our overdraft is only slightly reduced in 1939 and why we have to recommend comparatively large sums being placed to reserve, and why we have decided to make a fresh issue of capital. At the same time as a matter of interest, I might point out that the percentage of profits utilised for dividends is about equal to that of our palmist days which followed soon after the last Great War.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, a word about the staff and the way in which they have responded to the extra calls made upon them since the outbreak of War. They willingly formed a Volunteer unit which trains regularly twice a week at the Docks, where a small range has been erected, and the "Dock Guerrillas" as they nicknamed themselves, about 35 strong, will give a good account of themselves if called upon.

Others over military age have attended lectures in field work given by Major Walker, so that they could serve in the event of it being necessary. About 40 attended a series of A.R.P. lectures.

All this has been done at the end of long working days, and though perhaps not exactly Company's business, I mention these things to indicate the staff's sense of public duty which is paralleled only by their sense of duty to the Company.

The Chinese workmen too have willingly responded to the calls made on them and deserve our gratitude.

Confident Of Future
It is not possible for me to do more than summarise the Company's position, but the account together with what I have told you to-day and what I told you at our last Annual Meeting, will I trust convince you that we may look forward to the future with confidence.

I now propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts presented.

Seconded's Speech
Seconding the adoption of the reports and accounts, Mr. G. W. Sewell said:

While the net profit made last year must be regarded as satisfactory it is still more gratifying to learn, Sir, of the steps taken to consolidate the Company's position. Sound financial or any other leadership must make adequate provision for the future if adversity is to be successfully overcome.

We shall, of course, always have with us our "Oliver Twists" but their demands for more must be gently yet firmly put aside if the Company is to enjoy continued comparative prosperity.

Unlike many other concerns in the Colony the Dock Company has to fight for a living and in this battle we are indeed fortunate in having Mr. Cook and his efficient staff to protect and further our interests.

It is good, moreover, to see that tradition is being upheld in the support given to his Majesty's Government's fighting services by the personnel of the Company and that they are, by their many activities, keeping alive that spirit of comradeship in the local social and sporting world for which the Company is justly famed.

Necessary Evil
Work to most of us is a necessary evil but Mr. Cook and his men have the advantage of being engaged in creative workmanship out of which they get a justifiable pride, in sharing that pride we have recognised it by the bonus to the staff at which even the most parasitic shareholder will scarcely cavil. It will be seen that the Bonus is \$10,000—less than that paid last year although there has, I believe, been a slight increase in the staff.

Other Business
The re-election of the retiring directors, Messrs. D. Drummond and L. Kadoorie was proposed by Mr. M. H. Lo and seconded by Mr. Lo Koon Kan.

The confirmation of the appointment of Hon. J. J. Paterson to the Board of Directors was proposed by Mr. A. H. Vassani and seconded by Mr. Wong Chi Po.

The re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors for the ensuing year at a fee of \$2,000 each was proposed by Mr. Percy Tester and seconded by Mr. E. Abraham.

The following were present:—the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr. M. H. Lo, Mr. J. H. Jensen and Mr. S. T. Williamson (Directors); Mr. E. Cook, Chief Manager, and Mr. E. L. Hoyle, Secretary, and A. Vassani, G. W. Sewell, Wong Chi Po, M. H. Lo, Ip Ting Sun (Rep. Ip Tak Co.), Wong Ping Sub, Leung Fatlin, Leung Wa Hing, G. V. T. Marshall.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Singapore	85%
T.T. Japan	85%
T.T. India	82
T.T. U.S.A.	22 1/2
T.T. Manila	45
T.T. Batavia	41 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	150 1/2
T.T. Saigon	103
T.T. France	10.82
T.T. Switzerland	100 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/4
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3.3/32
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3.7/32
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	23 1/2
4 m/s France	11.37
30 d/s India	63 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.03 1/2

CRIPPS IN MANILA

Leaving To-morrow For United States

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MANILA, Mar. 26 (UP).—Sir Stafford Cripps arrived here last night on the clipper from Hongkong and is departing for the United States at dawn on Wednesday by the same clipper.

Sir Stafford reiterated that Chungking does not attach any importance to the Wang Ching-wei regime, but he said he considered Mr. Sumner Welles' visit to Europe was "too well advertised to be successful."

Sir Stafford is the house guest of the British Consul General Mr. S. Wyatt-Smith, during his stay here.

WESTERN FRONT

INTENSE PATROL ACTIVITY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, Mar. 25 (UP).—Reports from the Western Front state that there has been intense patrol activity, particularly west of the Saar River where the Germans were repulsed after a fierce night battle.

French troops surrounded a section of Germans east of the Moselle River, and took some prisoners.

The 40th. communique states: There has been localised artillery action on various parts of the front and infantry fire along the Rhine, together with aerial activity on both sides.

All Quiet
PARIS, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—An official communique issued here today states that everything was quiet on the whole of the front yesterday.

Wounded Men In Hospital

Echo Of Last Week's Border Fighting

AN ECHO of the recent Japanese foraging expedition at Namtau, near the Hongkong frontier, is the admission into Kowloon Hospital of two Chinese soldiers, both suffering from machine-gun wounds.

The men were wounded whilst resisting the Japanese landing at Namtau. They were taken overland in litters to Shum Chun, from whence they were brought into Kowloon by ambulance.

The two men are Tam Ki, aged 29, and Chuen Kwai-cheng, aged 32. Their wounds are not serious.

The Japanese remained in Namtau for only 24 hours, re-embarking in their boats after confiscating a large supply of fresh foodstuffs.

The situation along the border is at present quiet.

Reynaud Receives Italian Envoy

PARIS, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—M. Paul Reynaud, the new Premier, yesterday received the Italian Ambassador in Paris.

The French Ambassador to Rome left the Italian capital for Paris yesterday morning.

Lo Koon Hang, Lo Koon Kan, Percy Tester, Ezra Abraham, W. B. Haslett, K. C. Mark, Wong Pak Kan (Shareholders).

CHAUFFEUR IN COURT

Infringed Black-out Regulations

A fine of \$25 was imposed on a chauffeur, Young Kam-long, by Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he was summoned for committing a breach of the black-out regulations on March 5.

Sgt. W. Sullivan said he stopped Young in Pokfulam Road, the head-lamps had no covering at all.

Young admitted the offence but pleaded he had been ordered by his master to take a guest home. He had reached Bonham Road about the time the black-out took place, and wanted to stop, but the guest told him it was not yet time and ordered him on.

Europeans Fined

Fines of \$5 were imposed on Mrs. A. Tobins, of 74 McDonnell Road, Dr. Tsang Wah-keung, of 12 Babbington Path, Miss Julia Fun, of 4 Seymour Terrace, and E. Rocha, of Messrs. Wallace Harper and Co., for leaving their cars unattended in Chater Road. Rocha was summoned for leaving his car in Des Voeux Road longer than necessary.

M. Pagh, residing at the Peninsula Hotel, was fined \$10 for driving car No. 1005 in Ice House Street on March 5 without an appropriate licence. Y. Y. Wong, of 10 Trap Tseung Street, was also fined \$10 for leaving his car, No. 3271, in Pedder Street car-park for over two hours on March 7.

A lorry driver, Leung Wing, was fined \$8 for driving lorry No. 1371 at a speed between 26-28 miles per hour in Hennessy Road on March 11. Another lorry driver, Lau Yuet, was fined \$5 for driving lorry No. 1225 at a speed of 25 miles per hour in Main Street, Saiwanho, on March 14.

Don't Like Own Medicine

More Nazi Ships Intercepted, Sunk

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, March 25 (UP).—The War Office announces that two German ships loaded with Swedish ore were challenged off the coast of Denmark yesterday.

One was sunk and the other was scuttled by her own crew, the announcement said.

Ostprussien Ashore
LONDON, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—Another German freighter has been put out of action.

She is the Ostprussien which, like the Edmund Hugo Stinnes, was carrying a cargo of coke.

She sprang a leak off the Danish coast while zig-zagging to evade the British warships. The Captain had to run her aground.

The crew of 30 are still on board trying to refloat the ship.

Danish Ship Sunk
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
EDINBURGH, Mar. 25 (UP).—The Danish steamer Britta (146 tons) was sunk in the Atlantic west of the Orkney Islands to-day. Some survivors, including the Captain, are expected to be landed at a Scottish port to-day from another Danish ship.

OPERATIONS IN WAZIRISTAN

NEW DELHI, Mar. 25 (Reuter).—"All quiet in Waziristan" sums up the present position of operations in the Ahmednagar district where cleaning up operations against bad characters between the border were begun on February 22.

Although it is still too early to forecast a lasting improvement it is evident that the heavy casualties sustained by the raiding gangs had a sobering effect.

The gangs in question consisted mainly of criminals and outlaws and they have been using the Ahmednagar district as a base for their operations.

Alleged to have received his injuries as a result of being struck by a soldier of the Royal Scots outside Wellington Barracks yesterday, Mr. Ng 22, Chinese coolie, was admitted into the Queen Mary Hospital with a cut face.

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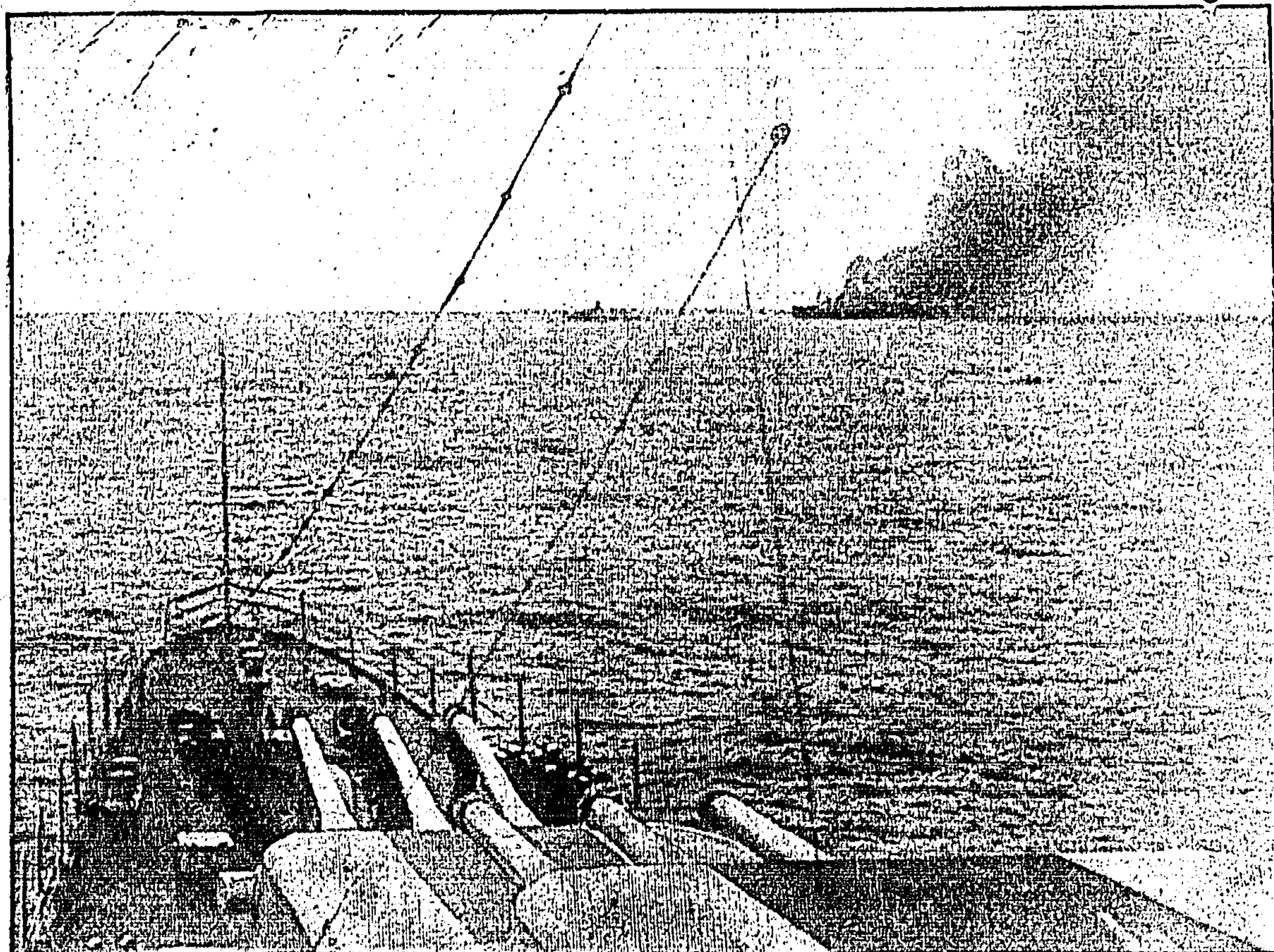
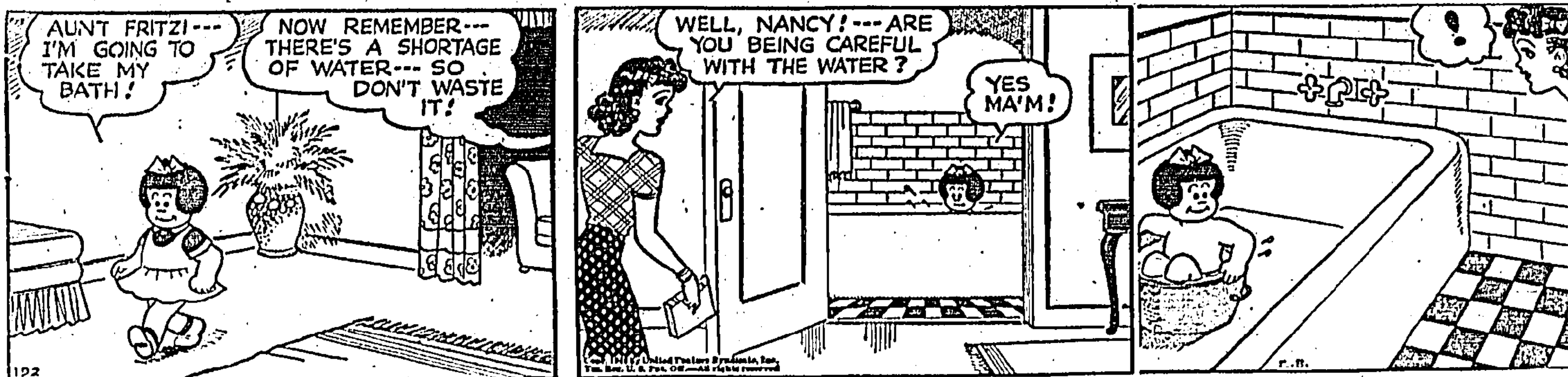
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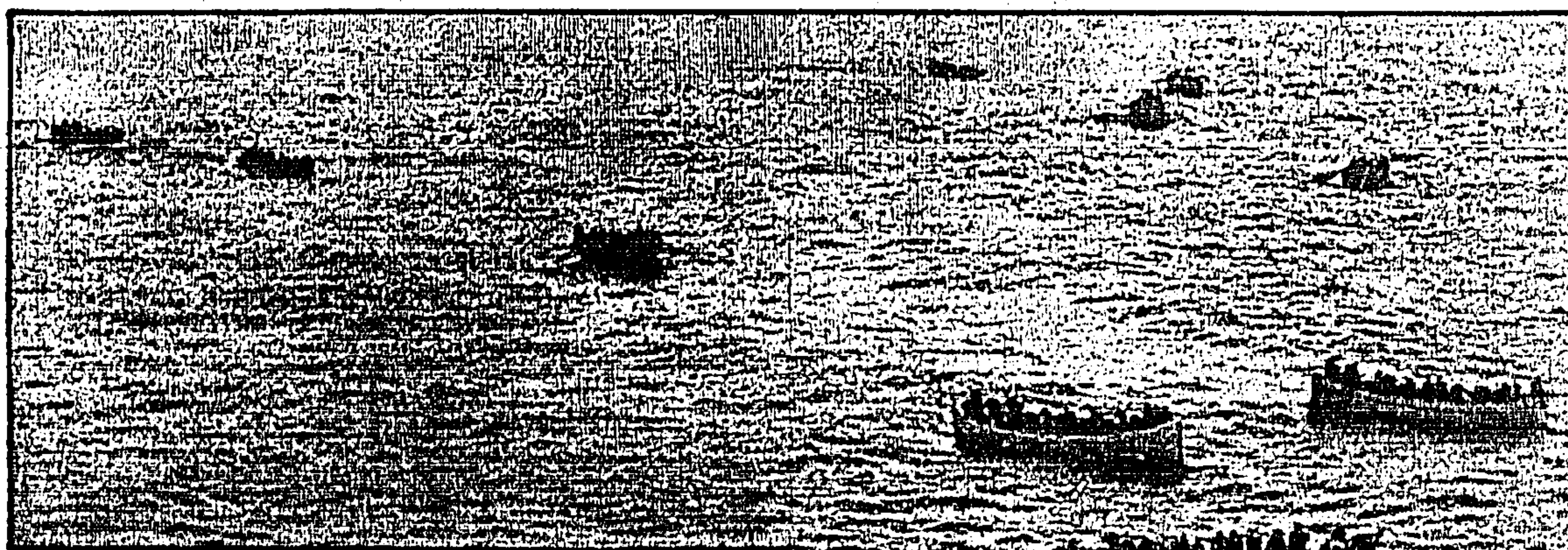
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NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



ANOTHER SCUTTLE: LAST OF COLUMBUS



ELECTRIC CURE FOR INSANITY

ELECTRIC shock, applied to the brain, has been demonstrated by two independent groups of British doctors as a method of curing mental disorder.

By coincidence, both the "British Medical Journal" and "The Lancet" carry accounts of this dramatic new process of healing minds. One comes from the Burden Neurological Institute and the other from Warlingham Park Hospital.

The methods are similar. Electrodes are clamped to the skull. These are made through which the electric charge is transmitted into the brain. High tension voltage, varying from 80 to 160 volts according to the pre-determined needs of the patient, is applied.

The shock produces a convulsion. The patient becomes unconscious. He recovers within a few minutes, with no memory of the shock or of the preliminaries. Where higher voltages are necessary the effect of an epileptic fit is produced.

Both groups of research-workers have found that the method is safe, without ill-effects afterwards. The method is simple and does not need

highly skilled operators. Apparatus need not be expensive. It is well-known to mental experts that a severe shock, whether physical or psychological, can lead to a rapid improvement in cases of mental disorder.

"Split minds" have been coordinated by shock-injections of insulin or of the powerful drug cardiazol. Both methods involved risks. The Board of Control report last year included ten deaths from cardiazol treatment.

The following will represent Hongkong Hockey Club in the Triangular Tournament against the Army on the Club ground to-morrow at 5.15 p.m.

V. M. Benwell; E. Yourieff and E. V. Reed; J. Pennington, W. A. Reed, N. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, T. S. D. Whitley, G. H. Fowler, E. I. Bickford and R. A. Bates.

Thieves who broke into a garage in Gascoigne Road on the night of March 24-25, stole a camera valued at \$240 from a car owned by Mr. T. Taylor.

HERE are the first pictures of the sinking of the Nazi liner Columbus, scuttled by her crew off the United States coast. They were taken from the United States cruiser Tuscaloosa. At the top, the Columbus is seen blazing fiercely just before she sank, while the British warship which had chased her stands by. Below, the Nazi crew rowing in lifeboats to the Tuscaloosa, which took 579 survivors to New York.

British Warships Are So Healthy, Say Doctors

BRITISH warships are healthy places to live in.

According to an article in the current issue of the British Medical Journal, they are models of hygiene.

"The vast revolution in hygienic practice which has taken place in civilised countries is nowhere better illustrated than in ships of war."

Modern ships are built in small vertical compartments. Fresh air is delivered by power to every remote corner. It is changed many times an hour. The ship is air-conditioned: the

incoming air is regulated by steam or electric radiators.

Near the engines it is cooled. In more exposed parts of the ship it is heated.

The cooking galleys are fitted with modern electrical gadgets; kitchens are clean and tiled.

Drinking water passes through purifying and icing apparatus. Then there are no rats, but plenty of showers.

WUYUAN RETAKEN

Brilliant Chinese Success Claimed

After being under Japanese occupation for two months, Wuyuan, an important city in West Szechuan, has been completely recaptured by Chinese forces, says a "Central News" message.

Further, this report claims that Chinese troops pursuing the retreating Japanese have recovered Sishanchui, a point 37 miles west of Wuyuan and are now continuing their advance towards Ulanhan.

It is stated that work of rehabilitation has already begun in battle-torn Wuyuan.

The Japanese have sustained more than 7,000 casualties as the result of fierce Chinese onslaughts, which commenced last week. Eleven Japanese were taken prisoner, and 27 artillery pieces, 112 heavy and light machine-guns, 45 motor lorries, five radio sets, several cases of poisonous gas shells as well as a quantity of ammunition were captured.

Japanese Use Gas

In Anhwei a Japanese detachment attacked the Chinese positions at Wuyoshan, north-west of Chihitch, last Sunday with the support of planes and artillery.

It is alleged that the Japanese used gas in this attack.

Combats at close quarters resulted but the Chinese tenaciously held their ground.

The invaders near Sinyang, in south Honan, have launched a three-pronged drive to the south. One column, striking from Liulinchih, has suffered a serious setback as the result of stiff Chinese resistance. Another column struck at Chihlikwan, on the Honan-Hupien border.

Both columns converged on Pansintien, south of Loshan, a few days ago but were beaten by the Chinese.

Pansintien, after a brief Japanese occupation, was recaptured by the Chinese.

Kwangtung Retreat

The third column, advancing on Wuchiao along the Sinyang-Loshan highway, has been put to flight, according to the Chinese.

On the Kwangtung front, Japanese troops, who were defeated at Ling-shan are now said to be fleeing by three routes. One column is retreating westward to Nanning, a second column westward to Shantung and a third column southward to Yanchow.

Tries To Rob Church Box

17-Year-Old Youth Sent To Prison

Appearing on remand before Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with attempted larceny from a collection-box at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, on March 21, William Boyd, 17, unemployed, was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

A boy employed at St. Joseph's Church saw Boyd trying to open the collection box with a screw-driver. When he saw the boy approach, Boyd ran away followed by the boy who eventually caught him.

Addressing Boyd, Mr. Edwards asked him to see him after the completion of his sentence and he would try to find him a job.

EASTER CRICKET WASHED-OUT

had taken an hour and a half to score a hundred for four wickets.

After

At the time of sending these notes in there appears no chance of cricket to-day (Saturday morning). But I should mention that we went into committee over the point I raised in the last paragraph while refreshing the ladies' room after the game. There is nothing in the rules—not even the statement that the runner must be dressed as the batsman for whom he runs i.e. pads gloves etc. But this is always done, now at any rate, and I rather think my first point is a matter of etiquette.

It stands to reason that it is a sound proposition in the case of men who are capable of making hundreds and then being wanted to send down ten or twenty overs. A bit of wangling would be very useful though of course it would hardly ever happen.

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